

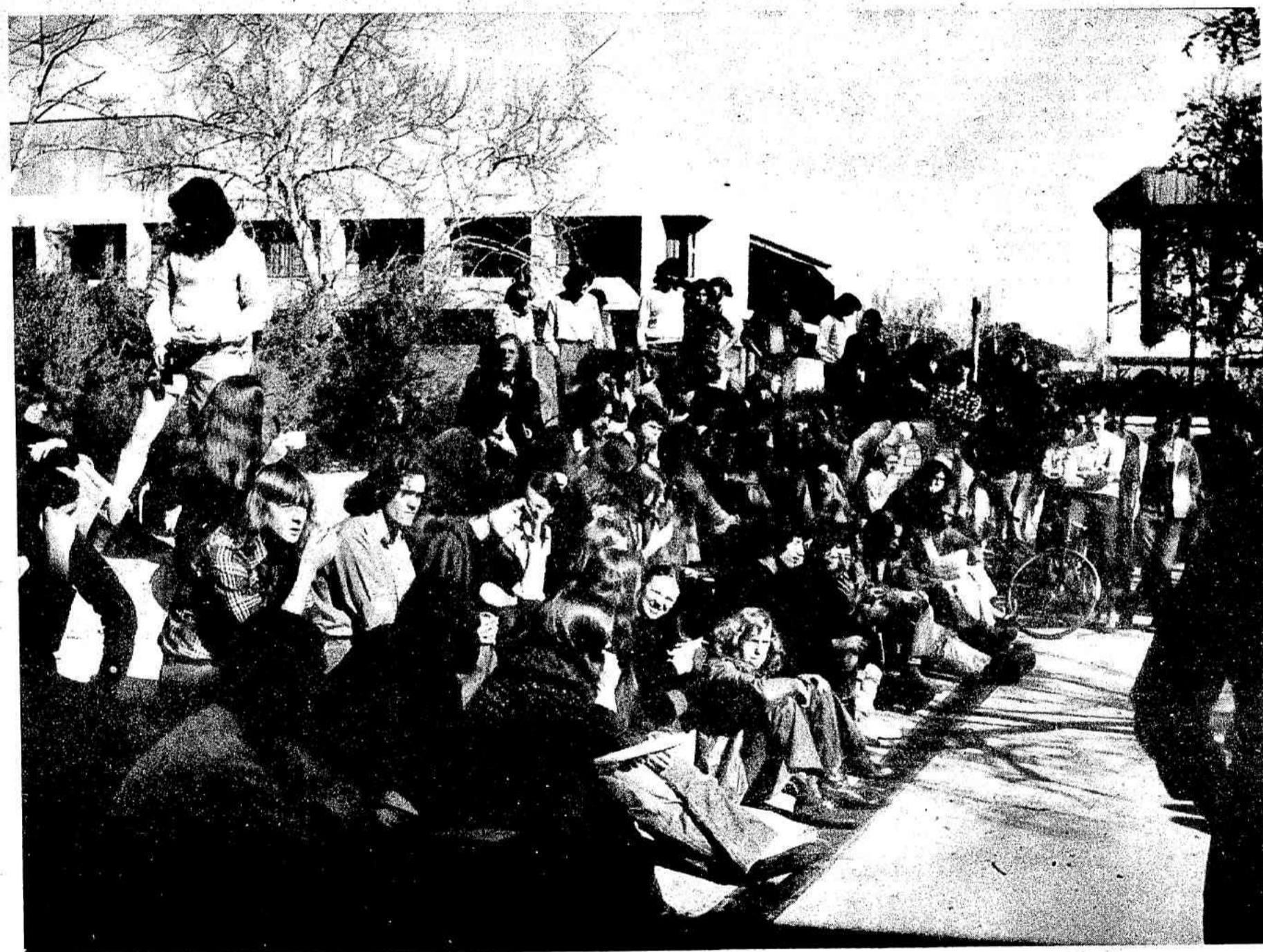


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**GOVERNMENT ATTACKS ON STUDENTS**

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## Downing Taylor

Dear Editor,

I would like to reply to Robert Taylor's accusation of my incompetence in his letter to the Editor in the June 30th edition of *Woroni*. In an attempt to cover his own incompetence and inability to be able to understand such concepts as a 'budget' or a 'balance sheet', he tried to lay the blame on others, claiming he was misled, naming myself as one of those who misled him. Normally I would not bother to respond to accusations from 'political' persons like Taylor. However in this instance, I am incited to reply by Taylor's accusation firstly because it exemplifies his attitude regarding the Clubs and Societies Committee of which I am a member. As Chairperson of this committee he creates the impression, with me at least that he regards himself as the committee.

During the meeting of the Clubs & Societies Committee at which the matter of changes to the C & S regulations was discussed, I pointed out to Mr Taylor that it was impossible for clubs to produce a balance sheet for the forthcoming year, but rather he should seek a balance sheet for the previous year and a budget for the forthcoming year, explaining to him the difference between the two. However it seems as though I would have been better off talking to a brick wall! He completely disregarded my advice and explanation and consequently he suffered a lugubrious fate at the hands of the S.A. Meeting! which led him in a manner typical of a politician (liberal?) to try and force the blame onto somebody else for his own ineptitude. A further verification of Taylor's ineptitude as Chairperson of the C & S committee was the letter he wrote to the Treasurer of the Law Society on behalf of the committee (which was not sighted by me) which almost caused a law suit being brought against the S.A.

The second reason for my writing is Taylor's nomination for the Union Board. The situation of the Union Board at the moment is, to say the least, critical, and it is imperative that the new Union Board, consist of people who are genuinely concerned and capable of implementing initiatives that will see the Union out of its present predicament and into a period of prosperous service. Reflecting upon Taylor's voluminous contributions to *Woroni* and his attitude and performance as Chairperson of the Clubs & Societies Committee, I feel it necessary to make public the examples of what I consider to be his incompetence and ineptitude to hold a responsible office within the student body.

In conclusion I wish to make it known that in no way should this letter be misconstrued to be an considered of ...

## EDITORIAL

As students in A.N.U. we are now being forcibly confronted with the fact that the Fraser government doesn't like us — or our universities. Last week the University administration sought to get through Council motions that would render student organizations non compulsory and give a committee of Council substantial discretionary power over such organizations. Communications from Carrick to University Vice Chancellors confirm suspicions that the A.N.U. administration was prompted by Carrick into moving against student bodies. Peteras Berzins

may have created a crisis for the Chancellor — but Carrick prompted them into action. As Carrick seems to be paranoid about A.U.S. and extends his paranoia to A.U.S. constituent body we can probably expect the Government or the University to make further attacks on the autonomy of the Students' Association. Carrick is fast rivalling Malcolm Fraser as a promise breaker. It is well known by now that Carrick went back on an 'unequivocal commitment' to 2% real growth in universities and cut them back to 'zero growth' in

1978. We will not know for sure what this means for the A.N.U. until we see the figures for the A.N.U. in black and white in the budget. However, long faced administrators are predicting a 2% cut in activities next year. Give your local member hell if a Liberal and remember what this government is trying to do to you next election. These are by no means the only way to show your feelings to the Government.

Phil Dickie.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Being Philosophical

Letter to the Editor ? /  
No — to the Readers !!

OK, So you finally made it! You might be in first year, or third year or fifth; You might be a tutor, maybe a lecturer; Perhaps you're a professor or a member of the research staff. Nobody is exempt.

Sure, when you 'get there' you feel relieved, self-satisfied, maybe even a little proud — forgetting just what combination of luck, experience and attitude contributed to your 'success' — and attributing rather more than is reasonable to your 'natural ability and hard work'. Well I think it's gone far enough — I'm offering you a challenge. I challenge your intellectual honesty and your humility. I challenge your belief in communication which challenges your beliefs. I challenge your belief in the worth of intellectual striving, questioning, analyzing. I challenge your desire 'to understand', and your desire for the best quality, most thoughtful and balanced conclusions possible, by which to guide society. And I challenge your humanity.

How often have you heard (inside or outside your own head) those questions; what's the purpose of Uni? What will it benefit me? Where am I going? What should I expect? ..... and the pat answer; 'Uni is whatever you make it'!?

Well it'd be a damn-side easier to set realistic goals and also to fulfil them, if people bothered to talk about the problem and simply became aware of the diversity of expectations and possibilities that exist. The place'd be a much more humane and exciting one if that sickening 'sink or swim' every man for himself/ attitude were abandoned! Why should we say disinterestedly; 'Uni is whatever you make it'? Why shouldn't we say; 'Well, I think it's this ... and what I'd like is ... and I've heard that ... Why so glum?

The prevailing 'wisdom' is that; 'here at Uni, you're thrown on your

own resources much more than you were at high school ... So you'd better get used to it! — which is just an 'acceptable' way of saying if you happen to get off on the wrong foot, if you happen to have the 'wrong' expectations, or if you happen not to light on a few efficient study methods — then too bad — no-one's going to help.

If you don't believe in the potential of everyone at the University; if you don't feel just a pang of regret that some student's curiosity is stifled or contribution lost, not by his/her conscious decision, but by a mist of confusion, or inefficiency; if you don't believe that 'study' should be inspiring, enlightening, exhilarating — not dulling and frustrating — then you might as well stop reading.

If you do believe in that potential then why the hell have we all been 'media-wise' silent and accepting for so long? (Apologies to the editor and members of Politics faculty who have not been particularly silent over the years on the subject which is to be breached.)

You finish a course or a year with some conclusions about the Uni; what it's 'about', how best to approach it, what's possible and what's not. And more than likely you think it all would have been a hellavalot easier had you known all that before you started out! So maybe you wouldn't have listened? You would have if enough people had thought the information 'useful' and also had had enough humanity to pass it on.

But it wouldn't have had any significance then? (I mean an awareness of the possibilities clothed in this institution would have held significance) when you were day-dreaming and planning throughout the years. And when you struck problems that would have been easier to identify and solve. And you may even have realized 'you were not the only one' in that predicament.

The point is, we are too willing to feather our own nests, to protect our own self-images, and to accept success (if it comes) as our birth-right.

The most hideous manifestation of this attitude is the tutorial (not all tutorials, granted) where each student and even the tutor is careful only to speak when the knows something that no-one else does; never asks questions; never reveals his ignorance — nor his curiosity; is not honest about his lack of effort and will not ask for help; looks intelligent and counts the minutes off till escape-time.

These tutorials are invariably dominated by a few vociferous and 'enthusiastic' (?) individuals talking off the top of their heads and dragging the discussion off onto side-tracks which are of no interest to other students (granted they may be frustrated by lack of intellectual stimulation — But they are not being responsible). The rest of the class (equally reprehensible — and we've probably all been in one or other of these camps,) sits meekly by, wasting valuable time — not questioning the relevance of things they don't understand, not applying themselves one iota, not forcing the 'apparently knowledgeable' ones to 'teach me' — 'help me, I'm lost' — No, this is too challenging — to both parties!

Your exams are just over — you probably saw more than a few limp bodies, exhausted or dazed, draped over library-desks, sprawled over bar stools. . . . If you think there's a better way then let people know. An individual doesn't know all the answers; this is a challenging business all round. I'm not aiming to flare up old 'education campaign' sores by this tirade. We've got 'the system'; we should continue to consider its improvement as a system. But what I'm talking about here, is the much more personal problem and prospects regarding how we handle the job at hand.

I urge the editor to devote a page of *Woroni* each issue to the continual debate and communication on a subject which has relevance to every single student; the philosophy and practice of education. (I believe the editor holds strong views on this subject. I would like to hear them!)

I urge students, ex-students, tutors, professors, lecturers, counsellors (parents, citizens and business-people-even!!!) to fill that page with sense, and thought and questioning; and with clarifying, inspiring communication about the potential of this institution and of each student. (I trust there are a lot of others who know what I'm getting at!)

Chris Lee

Ed.: We will see what we can do.

Could the two persons who witnessed an accident at 11.15 pm March 1st involving the barrier at the end of University Avenue please contact Mick O'Halloran at 27 A Beckett Street, Watson.

# CAMPUS NEWS

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## TOTALLY SCURRILOUS

### SO YOU THINK THE UNION'S CHEAP

If you want a meal cheaper than the Union, student Ray Vran suggests that you hitch a ride to Perisher, hire a set of cross country skis and ski to Kosciuszko Chalet and there, he says, you can eat cheaper than in the A.N.U. Union.

It has also been alleged that draught beer is dearer than elsewhere in Canberra. The reason — what you think are 10oz glasses are actually only 9oz. Beer is cheaper in cans.

### ON "THE STUDENTS' FRIEND"

Assistant Vice Chancellor Col. Plowman has done irreparable damage to his reputation as 'the students' friend' these last few days. The Assistant Vice-Chancellor may have had some pressure put on him, however, and undergraduate representative on Council Robert Arden was prepared to allow for this describing the recommendations to Council as

*un-Carrick-taristic of Col. Plowman*  
Col may also have done some damage to his reputation of always being on the winning side.

### TOTALLY SCURRILOUS

Robert Taylor claimed in debate that Col Plowman's move in bringing the recommendations to Council without consultation with student bodies and during semester break was 'totally scurrilous'.

The meeting exploded into mirth and chairman Brian Phillips asked that the incident be recorded in *Woroni*.

### LIAISON OR SPYING

During last week's dispute with the University the A.V.C. Colin Plowman made several attempts to be seen in the Union. On his second try he was collared by the Uni student heavies and a lively debate ensued. After the meeting on Thursday night of students to discuss Council proposals Col was found in Charlie's Bar with S.A. President, Union Chairman and Sports Union Secretary among others, having a friendly beer or two. It was later reported that Col was last one to be chucked out of Charlie's that night, but not before he had made one phone call. To the Vice Chancellor about the decisions of the student meeting?

## COUNCIL STANDS BY STUDENTS

### CARRICK BEHIND CHANCELRY RECOMMENDATIONS?

The Council of the Australian National University has reaffirmed its commitment to maximum financial and political autonomy for the Australian National University Students' Association, Union, Sports Union, Law Society, Part-time Students' Association and Research Students' Association. Officers and students of all these associations objected strongly to Chancelry prop-

osals that a Council committee collect and distribute compulsory fees and that the question of exemptions from membership be taken out of the hands of student organizations. Student leaders believe that the sudden moves by Chancelry were the result of promptings by Minister of Education, Senator Carrick. This belief is confirmed by evidence discovered over the past week.

Apart from the continuing Peteras Berzins case students had no warning of Chancelry moves against them until last Monday when Council agendas delivered to Undergraduate members of Council revealed that Council was asked to consider recommendations on the Compulsory membership of student bodies. These recommendations had been drawn up by Assistant Vice-Chancellor Plowman. Student leaders declared.

- 2(e) That suitable provisions be made to allow any student, with cause given, to request and be granted exemption from membership of any or all associations which otherwise that student would be required to be a member.
- 3(a) Determine from time to time how money collected by the University in respect of student activities should be distributed;
- (b) Delegate that power to a committee of the Council consisting of: a member of the Council appointed by the Council; two students chosen by the Vice-Chancellor and in consultation with the student associations recognised by the Council; and an appropriate officer appointed by the Vice-Chancellor.
- (d) Subject to direction from Council the Committee be authorised to determine its own mode of operation;
- and 4(a) Appoint from time to time a delegate with power to grant exemption to any student from all or any student associations of which that student is required by the University to be a member.

to be totally unacceptable saying that the existence of such a committee would threaten the autonomy and very existence of student organizations.

Student leaders called a general meeting of all student bodies for the night before Council where Jon Nicholson and Robert Arden described the history and implications of Chancelry's recommendations to a large crowd of students. The meeting overwhelmingly adopted as statements of general principle that

- (a) Student organisations will not tolerate the current attempts to interfere with their autonomy.
- (b) The University should require universal membership of the student organisations in question. Any question of exemption is the business of the organisations involved.
- (c) Autonomous student control of student affairs and finances is fundamental to the continuing

existence of student organisations.

The single student who voted against all of these motions was Michael Yabsley — In his capacity as Australian Liberal Students' Federation secretary. Mr Yabsley later released a statement to *The Canberra Times* endorsing Mr Plowman's recommendation. *The Canberra Times* not atypically got it all wrong and said that Mr Yabsley issued a statement applauding Council's final decision.

Student representatives on Council Jon Nicholson, Robert Arden, Sue Kipetko, took to Council a counter submission based on the Statements of General Principle passed at Thursday night's meeting. Other Council members were faced with a rally of concerned students as they entered the Chancelry. Placards held up read 'Defend Students' Rights, and 'Stop Government Interference'.

Student Representatives left the meeting claiming that Council had rejected the contentious Chancelry recommendations. In effect, said Robert Arden, Council had supported motions designed to preserve and formalize the status quo. The question of allowable exemptions — threatening the financial viability and existence of student organizations — was referred for investigation to a committee of Council. According to Rob Arden this committee was set up only under the clear understanding that existing exemption arrangements provided by student organizations themselves may be acceptable procedures.

However, student representatives registered protests at Council's decision to allow Vice-Chancellor Professor David Low discretionary powers to settle the Peteras Berzins case. It is felt that Berzins will now be exempted by the Vice Chancellor and that an unfortunate precedent may be set. Students' Association members have long held that Berzins holds political but not conscientious objections to the S.A. There is considerable resentment in the S.A. against Berzins — he has never brought his case to the S.A., preferring to have it aired by the press, parliament and University Council.

### Carrick's Role

Minister of Education Senator Carrick is believed to have prompted

crackdowns on student organisations all over Australia. The principle of compulsory unionism in student bodies is being threatened by State Governments in Queensland and Western Australia.

Carrick has apparently changed his mind on the issue of compulsory unionism unnoticed by most observers. Carrick is undoubtedly being lobbied by some backbenchers and outside groups, almost certainly the Australian Liberal Students' Federation, and possibly B.A. Santamaria's National Civic Council (once backbone of the D.L.P.) which has taken an inordinate amount of interest in the A.N.U.s Berzins case.

Two paragraphs of a letter from Carrick to Vice Chancellor at an Australian University shown to A.N.U. Council by student representatives read

*I ask all universities and colleges to look at their regulations and by-laws to ensure that the most democratic processes are available. In addition, I ask that consideration be given to providing an opting out process where a question of conscience is involved.*

*We could also separate student union functions into activities that provide authentic facilities which would attract a compulsory fee and those activities which might be regarded as controversial and optional.*

Australian National University Vice-Chancellor, Professor D.A. Low denied having seen this letter before, although he had seen similar communications from Carrick. However, another Chancelry official asked the student showing the letter how he'd managed to get it so soon. Interesting, in the light of later developments.

In a letter to Government backbenchers in March, Carrick restated the questions he had put to the Universities and said that they had agreed to make these examinations. At this stage he said he believed that there was no need for either the States or the Federal Government 'to use their legislative power to impose certain conditions on student activities'. In asking the universities to act in these ways Carrick was already moving away from sentiments

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## COUNCIL ...

expressed in an earlier letter to a W.A. Liberal Party official saying that 'any questions concerning [student union] operations or activities are for the universities themselves to resolve'. According to *The Bulletin* and other national newspapers this statement still describes Carrick's attitude. However the last A.U.C.C. meeting - just a couple of weeks before Colin Plowman drew up recommendations on student organizations for A.N.U.'s Council - is known to have discussed the issues surrounding A.U.S. and its constituent bodies. It is thought that discussions on student organizations took place in an afternoon session after Carrick had been bucketed by the assembled Vice-Chancellors over his duplicity in the issue of university funding in 1978. A.V.C. Col. Plowman has suggested that Carrick may have thrown in the A.U.S. related issues

as a red herring but his heavy handed and sudden manouevres prior to Council tend to contradict this view.

A minute from the A.V.C.C. meeting has Carrick stating that institutional inertia in universities was preventing reforms from taking place in student bodies. If this situation continued, Carrick predicted that the universities would have to defend their inaction in public and the government may be forced - by public opinion - to take some action.

This is the latest word from Carrick on the subject and it seems to indicate a fair degree of involvement or prompting by Carrick in moves by the A.N.U. against its student organizations.

With Carrick's reputation for going back on earlier commitments it is hard to predict what will happen next. So far - in everything be it students' rights or education funding Carrick's successive actions simply worsen the situation.

Phil Dickie

## BLACK BAN ON S.A. EMBASSY

On Wednesday, July 6, the ACT Trades and Labour Council decided to put a black ban on the South African Embassy.

The black ban is an outcome of the three week vigil held at the Embassy recently. It means that no union members in Canberra will actively provide

any goods or services to the Embassy, and that the Embassy will have extreme difficulty in operating normally.

To implement the black ban, it is necessary to mount a picket of the Embassy for a few weeks to remind union members of the TLC's decision.

Anybody who wants to help run the picket or who can help liaison with the unions can contact the Campaign Against Racial Exploitation on 81 2205.

## COUNCIL SLAMS CARRICK

Professor R. Johnson moved a motion in Council that virtually accused Minister of Education Senator Carrick of outright misrepresentation. In the view of the motion the latest (0% Growth) Guidelines 'constitute a clear abrogation of repeated assurances and guarantees given by the Minister of Education - an abrogation which undoes the notably constructive initiatives of an earlier Government which introduced triennial funding'. The motion was overwhelmingly passed. Speaking in debate Tasmanian Liberal Senator Peter Rae said he recognized the incompatibility of Carrick's statements and was unable to defend the Minister when a prominent Council member said Carrick could no longer be believed. Senator Rae was reported as being very subdued in debate thereafter.

The passage of this motion indicates that the A.N.U. is no longer prepared to use the Minister's undertakings as a basis for future planning.

Vice Chancellor Williams of Sydney University predicted that the Universities "would get rolled" under rolling triennial arrangements. In an effort to make planning once again possible the Johnson motion calls on Carrick to "restore a secure basis of planning for the triennium 1979-81 and thereafter".

## ANU FACES 2.5% CUTBACK

The University is facing a reduction in spending next year of 2½% in real terms.

Zero growth in real spending for all universities means negative growth for established universities. This is because universities like Murdoch (W.A.) Deakin (Vic.) and Griffith (Qld) still in the process of getting established have first call on funds.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. D.A. Low confirmed that a *Canberra Times* report that the university was facing serious liquidity problems was quite accurate. A principal cause of the current financial distress facing the ANU arises because new superannuation arrangements with the Commonwealth

Government could cost around a million dollars. A partial resolution of the superannuation problem leaves the university with less financial worries, but with two different superannuation schemes and the prospect of staff tension. In addition to freezing spendint at real levels the Fraser Government will no longer supplement the universities for increases in the costs of non salary items. According to Professor Low this unexpected cessation of non salary supplementation will cost the University \$600,000.

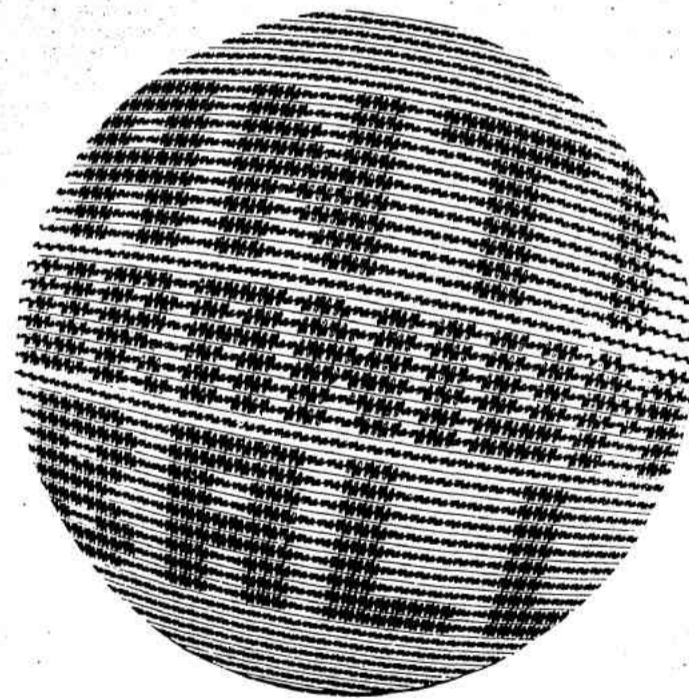
The Vice-Chancellor says he cannot give any undertaking this year that there will be no staff retrenchments. It is general staff and non-tenured

junior academics that feel most threatened by statements of this sort.

Professor Low as set up a committee - known as the Youngson Committee - to review expenditures in the University's Central Administration with a view to effecting savings in this area. As central administration technically covers the areas of student accommodation, counselling, health services, libraries, etc. many students think that students should have a voice on the largely academic and administrative committee.

However, for what it's worth the Vice-Chancellor has said that these areas affecting students will not come under the scrutiny of the committee.

On Sunday the 24th of July the entire ANU Union Building comes to life. A really unique Ball. Rock to two bands, listen to Folk, take in some Jazz or relax to some classical. A \$7.00 ticket includes dinner and wine. Commences 6.00pm. Tickets from all Students' Unions, Bouchiers, Impact Records, Swing Shop, Paddy Pallin and Abels Records.



# CONAGHAN'S CANBERRA

what to eat  
and what to avoid

Gus' at Garema Place is almost as cheap as the Dubbi Deka, but has a larger variety of dishes. There is a range of mini meals such as Irish Stew and mushrooms on toast, but we chose to stick to the snack menu.

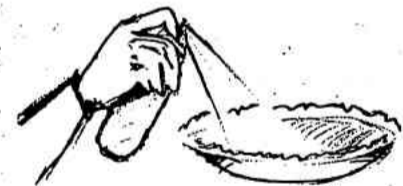
Two people in our lunch group chose the Debreziner, which is really nothing more than a glorified frankfurter. It was served with a slice of bread and a slag heap of hot English mustard. At \$1.50, I was informed that it was not very good value for money. The Corn and ham on toast was served piping hot, smelled very good, and cost \$1.00. My lunch was a Tomato, salami and cheese toasted sandwich. For only 60c this was probably the best value lunch at our table.

The dessert list at Gus' is amusing. Out of six desserts available, three of them are Strudls. The Cheesecake was off the menu that day, so we were left with a choice of Apple strudl, Banana split, Swiss strudl, Waffles, Apple Strudl with marzipan, or Hazzenut Torte.

Three different Strudls were ordered. The Swiss strudl, at 90c, looked interesting because it was somewhat darker than the others, but its taste was rather nondescript. It was disappointingly bland. The only way the Strudl with marzipan could be recognized was to perform an autopsy that revealed a very thin layer of marzipan that appeared to have been applied with a fly spray. The banana splits were the regulation variety-blob of ice-cream and a liberal lashing of strawberry flavouring.

The Herbal tea served at Gus' was boring. The herbal teas are served in tea bags - with the little disc hanging out the side of the pot so patrons can jiggle to their hearts desire. People usually drink herbal tea for health an naturalness - having it served in tea bags ruins the effect.

Gus', apart from all the minor faults, is a pleasant place to eat. It is very cheap and the cramped indoor eating area has lots of atmosphere. I would advise avoiding eating outside unless you like the idea of being attacked by kamikazi sparrows, their little messages on the tables being reminders of previous attacks.



Speaking of the Refectory, (of which we weren't but of which we now are) congratulations on their range of mini meals. True, they taste vile and are rather boring, but they are CHEAP, and after all the state of our wallets is important. Who would ever imagine that the demure and conservative looking chefs who serve us at the counter would concoct such haute cuisine as 'steakette and chips' (peas optional), with imagination running wild behind the confines of the refectory kitchens. Our defector refectory has finally succeeded in presenting something cheap and filling.

## S.A.I. SLAMS FRASER, CARRICK, COUNCIL, SUPERPOWERS & MULTINATIONALS

Last week the University Council had before it for discussion, proposals that would, if passed have destroyed the autonomy of student organizations.

The proposals related to control of student group finances by a totally undemocratic committee of appointees of the Vice-Chancellor and a member of the Council.

Another proposal was to give a delegate of University Council the power to grant exemption to any student from the compulsory fee for the Student Union, Sports Union, A.N.U.S.A., Research Students' Association; without consultation with any of these bodies.

These proposals are a fundamental attack upon the autonomy and viability of organizations at A.N.U. They were put forward by the Assistant Vice-Chancellor, Colin Plowman at the insistence of Senator Carrick (Minister for Education of the Rick). The government used cutbacks in funding as a threat to make university administrators take action to destroy effective student organization.

This is just one mors of many that the Fraser government has used in an attempt to destroy the student movement.

They have made T.E.A.S. harder to get. They have made the means test harsher and made it more difficult to achieve independent status. T.E.A.S. is well below the poverty line and with no increases likely, inflation will just eat away the value of T.E.A.S.

By making T.E.A.S. worthless, they hope that students will agree to student loans. These loans are discriminatory against poorer students. Whereas rich students could go through university supported by their parents, poor students would have to rely on loans and graduate from uni, crippled with a huge debt. The effect of this would be to turn people away from the Arts to more vocationally oriented courses. Students would be forced into the role of technicians, for the multinationals.

The government's reduction of education spending, in all areas (except, of course, for the wealthy private schools) will create hardship at all universities.

They would have to restrict enrolments to maintain current levels of facilities or accept a decreasing standard of education, which means, in concrete terms that

- staff, lecturers, etc. will be sacked
- bigger classes will be inevitable
- the possibility of the reintroduction of compulsory end of year exams rears its head again and
- the choice of subjects will be reduced.

In the past the A.N.U. Student Association has struggled successfully against the idea of compulsory exam in 1974. We will fight again too, which Carrick knows and as the measures he is introducing are becoming increasingly oppressive, he is attempting no smash student unions

to smash student unions which are the only means we have of protecting our interests.

It will not take long for compulsory fees to be introduced once organized student opposition is crushed. How many of you will still be at university when you have to find \$1,000 p.a. extra?

Australia is on a march to fascism, the U.S.A. is gearing itself for war with the Soviet-Social-Imperialists. In preparation the U.S. is tightening its grip on its satellites. Reduced living standards and spending; the increased budget to A.S.I.O. (to spy on critics of the ruling class); and the I.R.B. are all indications of a more authoritarian regime to come.

A unified student organization has in the past provided a strong voice of protest against such injustice.

Fraser wants to crush the voice of protest to his fascist plans. The most recent and blatant example of this being the police violence used against anti-uranium demonstrators in Melbourne.

But students will not sit back and see Government and University administrators collaborate to make universities an elitist establishment for the rich. Direct and militant action may be the only course open to us.

Last Friday's action showed that the proposals came up in Semester break when they were expected to raise least opposition. They hoped to rush it through quietly.

But, even on only overnight notice 50 people turned up when the councillors arrived for their meeting. By lunchtime word had spread and over 100 students attended a rally in the courtyard.

In this case, it appears as if we have won a victory. At time of writing the final decisions still weren't known.

But we MUST NOT become complacent! This was only an early blow and doubtless more will come. We must prepare ourselves for other attacks and continue in a united struggle until we have won the right of all to equal education.

Similar attacks have occurred on Queensland and W.A. campuses so the situation at A.N.U. is not isolated. It must be seen in the context of the Australian governments attacks on all students and standards of education everywhere.

Students for Australian Independence.

NEXT S.A.I. MEETING TO DISCUSS THIS AND OTHER RELATED ISSUES WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 13th in the CLUBS & SOCIETIES ROOMS.



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# LIBERALS ATTACK

The June 29 Cabinet directive to the Australian Broadcasting Commission to close down 3ZZ Access radio in Melbourne is the result of over 18 months of campaigning by some State and Federal members of the Liberal Party.

3ZZ is a public access station in Melbourne, open to all people and community groups, especially minority groups not catered for by the mass media — 'At no time has 3ZZ refused anyone the right to speak' says Ian Elliot, Chairperson of the 3ZZ planning assembly.

In September of last year, the Fraser Government 'suggested' that 3ZZ close down — it was only an experimental station. But a public rally on September 7 supported the existence of 3ZZ, and the ABC reviewed the whole station — deciding to extend its hours of broadcasting. Throughout there have been rumours and repeated newspaper reports that the Liberal Party sought to close 3ZZ.

The short life of 3ZZ has been one of continual administrative, technical (many parts of Melbourne receive 3ZZ poorly), and both internal and external political problems. The story of Access Radio 3ZZ commences on September 25 1974, with the Minister for the Media, Senator Doug McClelland, announcing the Cabinet decision offer the ABC two new radio licences on the AM band. In a press release two days later, the Chairman of the ABC, Professor Downing, stated that 'the new Melbourne station will be a service available on a community access basis'.

After a series of public meetings, on May 12, 1975 Double-Z began broadcasting, 6-11 pm, seven nights a week.

Presumably, impressed by the ABC radio station operating on the other new AM licence, Double-Jay in Sydney, Minister for the Media, Dr Cass invited the ABC to consider changing the format of 3ZZ into a rock radio station. The Commission opposed this, but doubled 3ZZ's broadcasting hours to keep him content.

Following the change in Government in November 1975, the Liberal Party was in a position to do something about 3ZZ if need be.

**'HE TOLD THE STAFF . . . THEY WERE DOING A SECONDRATE JOB ON A THIRDRATE STATION'**

The *Nation Review* of July 30 — Aug. 5 1976 ran an article entitled 'Airing ethnic radio grievances', where Mark Georgio, a producer at 3ZZ, was quoted as saying 'The structures and foundations of 3ZZ have taken some severe blows and it is only clever diplomacy and covering up that has prevented open confrontation . . . The cliques that control the program committees protect their interests, often to the detriment of the listeners'. He told a staff meeting of the station that they were doing a secondrate job on a thirdrate station. Nevertheless, the station was making a large impact on minority groups in Melbourne. (There are over 500,000 people in Victoria whose mother tongue is not English: few, if any, commercial stations cater for them).

On June 20, a press report from Canberra said that there would be no funds for 3ZZ in the forthcoming financial year, and that the ABC would be requested to close Double-Z. Station staff noted that Robinson was presenting a detailed Cabinet submission, and they approached him to discuss the matter. He replied that 'As 3ZZ is responsible to the ABC, it is inappropriate for me to discuss . . .'

On June 29, Robinson ordered the ABC to close 3ZZ, from Friday, the beginning of the financial year 1977-78. Ian Elliot: 'This is the first time in peace-time that a government has ever told a station to close'.

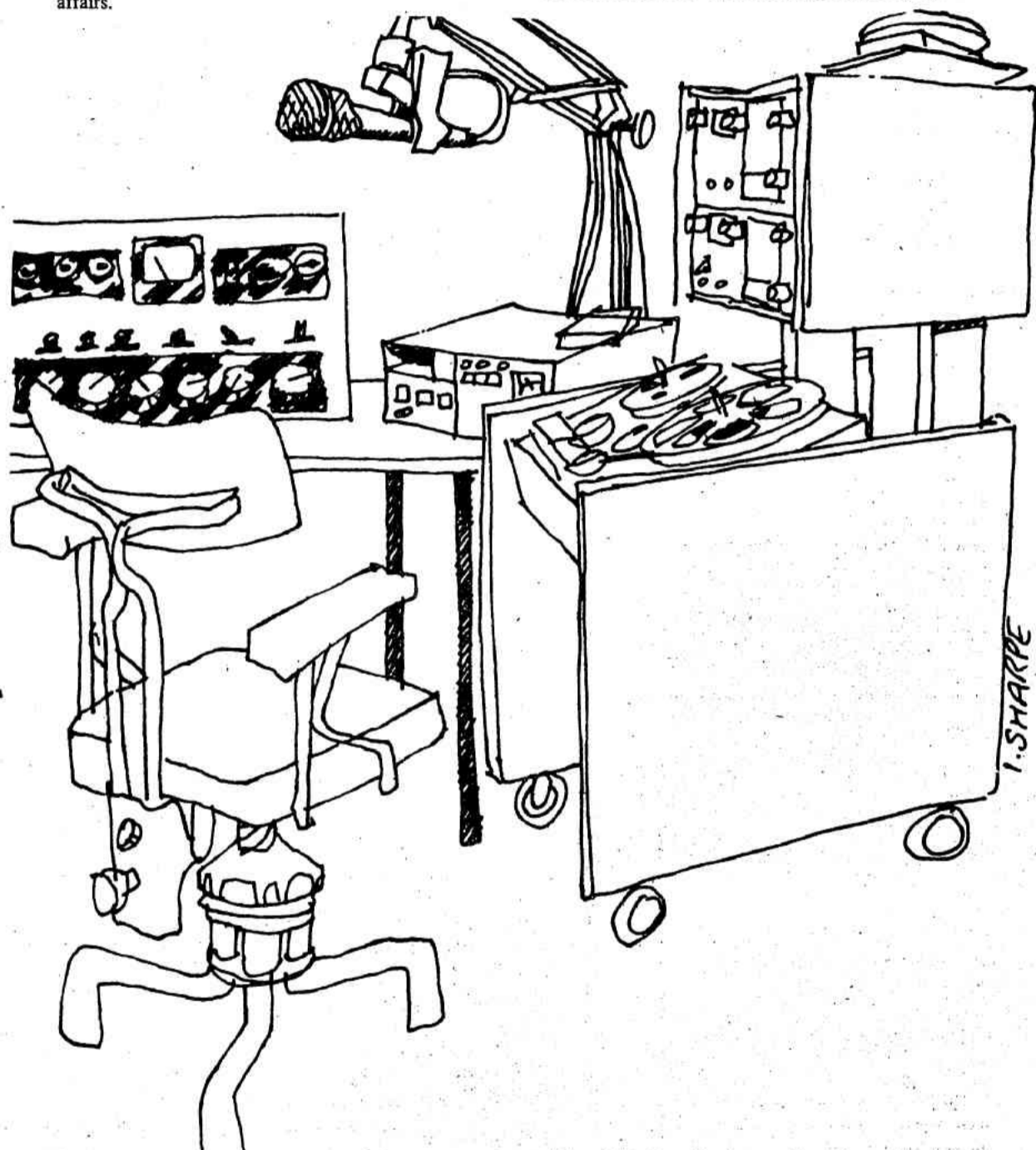
On June 30, a directive was sent to ethnic radio stations 2EA and 3EA: nothing relating to 3ZZ was to be broadcast. The *AGE* newspaper said in an editorial that the 'reported plan to force the closure of Melbourne's access radio station, 3ZZ, is wholly unjustified . . . (it) represents an attack on the concept of an independent national broadcasting service'.

Mr Robinson's reason for his desire to see 3ZZ closed was that it was supposedly duplicating the work of ethnic radio 3EA, a government run station, 'It was an experiment initiated by the ABC for public access, but it developed very much into ethnic broadcasting'. The Government felt that it was a waste of taxpayers' money, the \$300,000 annual cost of 3ZZ could be saved. But if it felt that the ABC funds should be cut back further, it would have been simple for the Government to do this with no directive to the ABC as to how it should be done. It's been done by governments before now.

The last time an Australian Government (L-CP then too) tried to dictate funds allocation was when Postmaster General Alan Hume suggested that the ABC slash \$250,000 from its current affairs budget. (Too critical of the government?) The Commission rejected the proposal that time, saying it was a potential threat to their independence. The ABC still lost the \$250,000, but not in current affairs.

at 5 pm with a programme presented by students of Sunshine High school on famous film stars 1909-1960, then at 5.30 the Italian programme, 8 pm Community News, 8.15 Alternative News presented by the Congress for International Co-operation and Discernment, then at 8.30 a programme of original compositions by local rock group 'Holocaust' (entirely recorded in 3ZZ's studios), then the Croatian programme, followed by the Albanian, Russian and Finnish.

From this superficial way of examining the differences between two radio stations, it would seem that there is the possibility for duplication. But the ethnic programmes on 3EA are largely music based (often folk music) and, because of government direction, 3EA self-consciously avoids any possibly controversial topics. Much of 3EA is the equivalent of our middle-of-the-road commercial radio, only in a non-English language. If we look at some of the ethnic programmes on 3ZZ, they contain far more than just music: the Italian programme mentioned above had an article on unionism presented by the



Mr Robinson argues that the continuation of 3ZZ as well as 3EA is unjustifiable — a misuse of taxpayers' money. Many find this argument difficult to swallow: As Jan Smith, representing the Australian Democrats said at the 3ZZ Melbourne Town Hall Rally, the amount involved is 'chickenfeed'. Given that the Government could expect criticism for closing down a radio station, it wouldn't be worthwhile for such a small sum to be saved. Secondly 3ZZ is not the same type of station as 3EA.

For example, randomly take any day's programming. On Friday July 8, 3EA broadcast nothing but different ethnic programmes starting at 7 am: 7 am Macedonian, 8 am Italian, 9 am Greek, etc. 3ZZ Multilingual Access radio started at 5.30 am with a repeat of the previous night's Yugoslav, German, English, Turkish and Chinese programmes, ceased transmission at 11.30 am, and started again

Migrant Workers Conference Committee, then held a 'talk-back' segment for people to discuss any topical subjects, and later on, Italian community news.

Other programmes that 3ZZ produces include 'The Job Centre' about employment and job opportunities; 'A Blind Affair' for Victoria's blind community; 'Your World', a weekly conservation programme; 'The Sounds of Glenn Miller' — types of programmes never to be heard on 3EA. One would expect that if 3EA satisfied the large ethnic communities they would not bother with 3ZZ — but Double Z has too many people wanting to do programmes, and is having difficulty coping. The latest audience ratings show that 3ZZ bettered the two other AM ABC stations in some early evening time slots.

As *The Age* said in its editorial 'There is in 3ZZ the spice of topicality and controversy that is absent . . . from 3EA, the all-ethnic station, with its blander mixture and high musical content.'

# COMMUNITY BROADCASTING

Many people feel that the action towards 3ZZ is merely a continuation of the Government's dislike of the ABC, especially as some programmes on Double X have been controversial and occasionally anti-Government.

To me, the Government's actions seem a long way from their statements on the media in the Liberal Party of Australia's Federal Platform: 'Freedom of expression in the press, radio and television, and freedom from governmental and political interference, are fundamental to Liberal beliefs and essential to democratic government. The ABC should be independent of political control.'

As for left-wing bias in the programming, when questioned by *WORONI* last week, staff at 3ZZ strongly denied this. They say that all people have been given access to the station. The station has often broadcast alternative views, but they are never biased against the government. Some media commentators feel the Fraser Government is becoming intolerant of any criticism, even on a matter such as teenagers from the Brotherhood of St. Lawrence discussing unemployment ('The Job Centre' programme). Some say that the government is aiming to control the information that ethnic groups are exposed to.

The *National Times* of July 4-9 named Robinson, Education Minister, Carrick, Transport Minister Nixon and Immigration Minister Mackellar, strongly supported by the Prime Minister, as the people strongly in favour of the new public broadcasting authority proposal.

## 'ALL SILENCING OF DISCUSSION IS AN ASSUMPTION OF INFALLIBILITY'

Ian Elliot feels that 3ZZ cannot fold because for the first time 'we are hearing what the people want to say.' He said to the capacity crowd at Melbourne Town Hall on July 3 that if 3ZZ goes, it will set a precedent for the future of public radio. He said that the fundamental right of free speech was at stake, and quoted from *On Liberty* by John Stuart Mill: 'All silencing of discussion is an assumption of infallibility'. He asked, 'Does the Government think it is infallible?'

At this meeting State Shadow Minister for the Arts, Barry Jones, said that for 25 years the mass media acted as though we all spoke English and had the same culture. What we need is not a mono-culture media policy, but a richer, more diverse culture. Domination by white, anglo-saxon protestants must end, he said. Walter Lipmann, chairman of the Ethnic Community Council questioning EA-ZZ duplicity, said that both have a vital but different contribution. He described the government's move as a 'political blunder of enormous magnitude'.

The ABC's independence has always been a qualified independence. The ABC Charter states that it is to provide 'comprehensive and adequate programming' and many Double-Z supporters say that because of this the station must continue.

On July 1, the Commission met in Sydney and spent several hours discussing what to do about the Government's directive on 3ZZ. The Composition of the Commission nowadays has changed to that of two years ago. The Liberal Government increased its membership from 9 to 11, so there are two new members on the Commission. David Gunn, ex Liberal Party Secretary was appointed, as was Murray Glastonbury, a right wing South Australian trade unionist. Earl Hackett was not re-appointed, and when Sir Henry Bland resigned, John Norgard replaced him.

When speaking with *Woroni* last week, one of the commissioners expressed the opinion that the new appointments weren't simply a case of jobs-for-the-boys, but one whereby the newer members of the Commission are happy to do anything the Government tells them. Therefore the Government has dealt with the issue so that it will now have nothing to do with the actual work of closing 3ZZ - the ABC now has to accept responsibility for closing the station down.

## 'NEAR ACQUIESCENCE IN THE CLOSURE OF 3ZZ LEAVES THEM NICELY SOFTENED . . .'

As *The Age* said in an editorial on July 6 (*The Issue is Independence*), '... the government's decision should be reversed. Nobody should be spelling this message out more clearly than the commissioners of the ABC, whose defence of their own independent inheritance has been poor. Near acquiescence in the closure of 3ZZ leaves them nicely softened for further encroachment, be it upon current affairs, news, or any other section of their organization that this, or any future, Government dislikes'.

The Commissioner we spoke to can see physical confrontation as one future possibility for 3ZZ. The technicians have said they will not pull the plugs out, the staff have said they will continue, the station has widespread support among the Melbourne community, so a situation where the ABC, having accepted responsibility for action to close the station by its decision of July 1, may act to enforce it. It appears the staff will not go without a struggle, and Commonwealth police may be the people called to do the evicting.

Such is the feedback from the Government (especially the five ministers mentioned above) about their dislike for what they see as subversive use of the media, that there have been rumours within the ABC and amongst media commentators that the Government is concerned about another station in Melbourne, and its potential as a medium for Government critics.

Radio Station 3KZ has its licence leased from a company called Industrial Printing and Publishing Co. IPPC is 100% owned by trade unions and the ALP, and its chairperson is Pat Keneally, a former secretary of the ALP and now a retired Senator. The licence is leased from IPPC to Val Morgan & Sons, who run 3KZ. Val Morgan is therefore open to any directives from IPPC as to any aspect of its programming. The Government realizes this, but will have difficulty changing the situation because of the Liberal Party control of another station, 3XY. The Liberals lease their licence to ESTEE broadcasters, who have said they are unhappy with a situation of possible directives being made upon their programming.

Gavin Gilchrist

In 1975 ESTEE broadcasters were instructed not to play Labor Party commercials for the December elections.

Given that it would be difficult and potentially politically embarrassing to attempt to change the rules relating to political parties leasing licences to other entities, it is in the Liberal Party's best interest to maintain the status quo. For 3XY is a top-rating radio station, highly appealing to the young of Melbourne. 3KZ is a very poorly rating station. The loss of the Liberal Party's control of 3XY would mean the loss of such an outlet as their 15 minute report of 'what's on' at the Liberal branches, 'Liberal Magazine', wedged in half way through the popular album show on Sunday night.

## '... WHAT WILL BE THE NEXT TO GO . . . PERHAPS, PUBLIC BROADCASTING STATIONS?'

Comments by one of the Commissioners of the ABC after the meeting of July 1 should be a warning to public radio supporters in Australia. For Canberra, with its public radio station having been attacked by Government more than once, this is especially so. Professor Richard Harding said, 'The decision to withdraw funds from 3ZZ is yet another example of the Fraser Government's contempt for ordinary people. The questions that concerns me is what will be the next to go?'

Is it to be 2JJ, or Radio Australia, or ABC-FM, or perhaps Public broadcasting stations? I feel the Fraser Government has fired the first shot in a campaign to stifle all media outlets that do not obediently reflect its own viewpoint.'

Given that Canberra's community educational radio station 2XX has been criticized in the past by the Government, rarely reflects the Government's 'own viewpoint', and that its licence needs to be renewed before the end of this year, perhaps now is the time for 2XX's supporters to start building their defences. As Ian Elliot of the 3ZZ Planning Assembly said '3ZZ was one of the first to start, one of [only?] the first to go.'

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How. Most members undertake a short training course which provides them with information about the community and helps them become more sensitive to the needs of others.

The Service has a co-ordinator who answers the telephone, so that you can ring for information or help from 9 am to 1 pm Mondays to Fridays.

The telephone answerer or the co-ordinator, contacts the voluntary workers who have previously indicated the kinds of tasks they would like to help people with. Close liaison is maintained with other helping agencies in the community.



# The Australian National University Union



## WHAT'S ON IN THE UNION — THE CHAIRMAN REPORTS

Since the last report in *WORONI* there have been several important developments in the Union which will be briefly mentioned in this report.

### The Board

At the last meeting of the Board, the Board decided to ban the sale of South African goods in the Union Building. Accordingly as soon as certain brands of cigarettes are out of stock they will be no longer sold in the Union. Over the next few months the management of the Union, in co-operation with the Campaign Against Racial Exploitation will be moving to reduce the sale of other South African food items in the Union also. The Board also, at its last meeting, decided to set up an informal committee to investigate the possibility of staff participation in the decision-making of the Board. It is hoped that all persons, whether students or otherwise, who are interested in the concepts of staff and worker participation, will feel free to attend meetings of this informal committee. It is my hope that after due consultation with staff, management, students and other persons, that the Board will move quickly to implementing such a scheme. In the context of these two particular motions it is my belief that the Union should not just fulfil the role of a service organisation for students, but should also be actively implementing social policy. It is a pity that most of those students with a radical commitment to social change view the Union only as an area for administrators and managers rather than an area where social policy can be translated into action. It is hoped that the incoming Board will be prepared to take on both these roles.

### House Rules

At the last meeting of the House Committee it was decided to amend the House Rules in order to deal with the increasing problem of hard drug taking in or around the Union.

It is an unfortunate fact of life that the hard drug trade in the Union has been responsible for the commission of several serious criminal offences on the Union premises and has accordingly attracted the interests of the police. This situation has compromised about 90% of students who wish merely to enjoy a quiet drink or smoke in the Union. Accordingly, I believe that the hard line taken against hard drug users and pushers in the Union is more than justified.

### The Executive Committee

I have long felt the need in the Union for an alternate bar service. This was attempted several years ago and was a miserable failure. However, it is pleasing to see that the new initiative on Charlie's Bar is finding favour with students. In the coming months, late night activities in the area will be expanded to include taped music, folk singers and, hopefully, a range of other activities. The long term plans for this area involve a milk bar and late night snack service as well as a wine bar service. I would be happy to hear any other suggestions that students may have for the use of this area.

### Activities

Our new Activities Officer, Bob Downing, is now well into the thick of it and it is hoped that he will receive a lot of support from students. Bob's appointments will go through to some time at the end of this year. In the interim, the Activities Committee will be inviting applications for the position of an Activities Officer in the Union.

There has been some criticism of Bob's interim part-time appointment. I might point out however, that Bob's conditions of employment are subject to review at any time by the Executive and certainly the understanding I have with Bob is that he will approach the job as being one on a full time basis. It is unfortunate too that the Activities Committee, which is meant to give support to Bob in his job, has consistently failed to get quorums. I would suggest to those members of the Activities Committee who have consistently failed to attend

meetings that they get their arses into gear very quickly.

Although a relatively new area of expenditure in the Union, I feel that the Activities budget will expand in the coming years to become one of the most important areas of expenditure. Accordingly when nominations are called for this Committee later on in the year, I would hope that many students will offer their services.

In the longer term, I would hope that the Activities Committee would become a joint committee with the Students' Association, both Union and Students' Association contributing to its finances and that that committee would also take on the role of an administrative support group for the Activities Officer as well as a committee laying down Board policy guidelines.

### Finance

The budgetary process for the coming financial year is about to get under way and it is hoped that we can get as much student input into this as possible. The figures for the last trading period should be available to Finance Committee in two-and-a-half to three weeks. I expect these figures to be fairly grim and that there will be little improvement on the last trading period. However, it is expected, in line with usual trends, that trading will pick up from the end of semester break to the middle of 3rd Term. Certainly provision of more Union activities should in turn affect the trading figures for the next period.

Given the failure of last year's Board to let fees keep some sort of parity with inflation, whilst still refusing to make cuts in any particular area of the Union's functioning, it appears at this stage that the Union would probably make a loss at the end of this year though this will not cause us to have any cash flow problems.

### The Union and the University

As most students will be aware, the University has recently attempted to set up a committee to control the disbursement of student funds. The Union Executive, along with the Sports Union and the Students' Association, fought these proposals strongly and it now appears that the University is prepared to re-

think its original proposals. Quite apart from the question of student autonomy and independence in the running of student affairs, the Union must be able to plan for at least five years ahead. A committee over which the Union would have no control, would wreak havoc with this planning process. The majority of fees go towards our capital outlay, our building extension and improvements, and also most of our administrative expenses. Accordingly, I hope the incoming Board of the Union will be prepared to take a strong line with University Administration on this matter.

### Elections

Shortly the Union will be having elections for the position of ten student members on the Union Board. As will be seen from this issue of *WORONI*, 21 students have nominated. This is a most refreshing change from the usual non-event of past Union elections. I am pleased to see that not only students with past administrative experience in the Union have nominated for re-election, but that new students with accounting experience and also students who are prepared to be critical of both the management and policy makes of the Union have put themselves forward for election. Given the current criticisms of compulsory unionism, I hope that the incoming Board and future Boards will, through sound management and the provision of more student facilities and activities be more able to easily justify the continuing existence of the ANU Union. I hope also that the incoming Board will be prepared to take a strong stand with governmental authorities and the University on the question of its future autonomy.

Robert Arden  
Chairman, Union  
Board of Management.

## WAS CIDI NOW BOB

This report will probably be a bit disjointed and shorter than normal, firstly because it is my first attempt and secondly because of the University's absurd attempts to take over control of all student activities and finances. But enough of that there is plenty of coverage elsewhere about what is happening on that scene. Tuesday night, of course, is the regular bar night featuring the campus idols of the moment — Kevin McLaughlin and the Murrumbidgee Orchestra. Due to Kev & the M.O.'s tremendous popularity this will of course be held in the Refectory at 8 pm. It seems that Kev and the M.O. are also pretty popular in the halls and colleges where they have received bookings for dances and balls. Thursday lunch time in the bar, the Dave Kain band will be featured. Please note that there will be lunch-time concerts every Thursday at least until the end of term, and they are free. Thursday night Mike Jackson is performing in Charlie's Bar, which is a new bar, downstairs opposite the entrance to the Refectory. Anybody who has been to Gundaroo or listens to Mike's folk show on Sundays knows what good value he is and he will be

performing free from 8.00. This week, we have an extra special lunch-time concert — Mike McClelland. He will be performing in the bar from 1.00 on Friday. So don't miss that one. If you are looking for entertainment on Saturday night but don't want to be ripped-off by paying too much for cover charges and drinks — come to the Union. This Saturday night we have *Sprunter*. Anybody that came to the ski club cabaret will remember the tremendous debut that *Sprunter* made on campus. Well they are even better now as anybody who has been to Floyd's would know. Next week we have the *Dave Kain Band* on Tuesday night. The Thursday lunch-time gig will be *Crossfire* and *Kev and the M.O.* return for the Friday night gig in the refectory. Please note that there is not a charge for students and members of the Union for any of the entertainment mentioned above, the only extra cost to students and members being a 5 cent surcharge on the drinks to help pay for the music and make sure that it continues. As you may or may not be aware this job has been reduced to a part-time job and as such it makes communication a bit



difficult. To make things easier I will endeavour to be in my office (near the Bridge) every day from 11.00 until 1.00. If you have difficulty contacting me, leave a message at the Union Office or the Students' Association Office. One final date to remember — Friday July 29th when the ANU Rugby League Club will be holding a cabaret which will feature the fantastic Sydney band — *Rainshie* who are receiving tremendous raves everywhere they go. Well this turned out to be longer than I had anticipated but

worthwhile I hope. In the next *WORONI* I hope to be able to let you know what's being planned for Bush Week (Aug. 8-12).

Bob Downing.

## WOT'S HAPPENING

- Tues. 12 July Kev and the M.O. in the Refectory at 8 pm
- Thurs. 14 July the Dave Kain Band - lunch-time concert in the bar at 1 pm.
- Thurs. 14 July Mike Jackson in Charlie's bar at 8 pm
- Fri. 15 July Mike McClelland - lunch-time concert in the bar at 1 pm.
- Sat. 16 July Sprunter, in the Union Bar at 8pm (plus films)
- Tues. 19 July The Dave Kain Band in the bar at 8pm
- Thurs. 21 July Crossfire — lunch-time concert in the bar at 1 pm.
- Fri. 22 July Kev. and the M.O. in the Refectory at 8 pm.



# SACK EXECUTIVE, SAYS UNSW.

The University of NSW Students' Union has moved an Extraordinary Resolution (E.R.) within the Australian Union of Students calling for a spill of all executive and national officers.

Such an E.R. is the normal procedure through which constituent bodies of the AUS make decisions when AUS Council is not meeting.

The motion calls for a spill of all executive and national officers in conjunction with a Special AUS Council to fill all vacancies. Such a motion by no means precludes the re-election of officers who in the opinion of Council have been responsible to the Union.

Delegates to such a council would be elected by on-campus elections on each campus following an E.R. earlier this year which was designed to bring all campuses into line with AUS policy on the direct election of AUS delegates.

The spill motion aims to resolve the problems within the AUS Secretariat and to close the ranks of the AUS.

The University of NSW Students' Union condemns the actions of students who have sought outside interference in the AUS for their own ends and seeks in moving such a motion to use the machinery within the AUS to bring about the resolution of the existing problems by the correct democratic and constitutional means.

The UNSW Students' Union sincerely condemns the actions by members of the AUS Secretariat, especially the AUS President, Peter O'Connor for going outside the AUS to seek support on the internal problems of AUST. Such actions have led to a one sided view on the problems within the AUS by the mass media.

Concern is also expressed at the use of emotive labels by both those within the Secretariat and outside it. The use of labels such as 'Trot' and 'Maoist' have been used often by those expressing opinions on the internal problems of AUS as blanket terms to discredit those opposed to their position. Such gross misuse of terms is extremely damaging when used against overseas students who must return to their home country where such associations are condemned by imprisonment and execution.

The decision to call for a spill has come out of attempts by UNSW to isolate the problems within the Secretariat. Representatives have been sent to National Executive Meetings and discussions have been held with a number of officers including a five hour special Students' Union Council meeting with Peter O'Connor.

The following reasons for proposing the spill are given in the supporting paper to the E.R.

## Reasons for E.R. to remove the Executive and all National Officers

### 1. The credibility of the Union

#### a. Problems among the Executive and Officers

That such problems exist can be clearly seen in the conflicting views put by:

- i) The O.S.S. letter concerning its problems with the Executive and the non-implementation by the Executive of directions by Annual Council.
- ii) Allegations involved in National U on the internal problems of the Union and the unnecessary obstruction by the Executive.
- iii) The AUS Executive Boardsheet attacking some of the Officers in the Union for their activities.
- iv) The resignation of Ken Cleveland over the internal problems within the Union and the lack of ability of the Executive to responsibly deal with these problems. (These allegations have also been made by non-Executive members present at Executive meetings.)
- v) Repeated allegations of violence and intimidation by Officers and Executive members against each other.

#### b. The credibility of AUS with outside organisations

- i) That the credibility and ability of AUS to act on behalf of students with outside, especially government, bodies, has been impaired is obvious from the following quotes by officers in the *National Times*:

Peter O'Connor said last week: *'National U has become a vanguard for Maoist propaganda. It spends its whole time attacking AUS leadership*

*when students expect it to be attacking the Fraser Government education cuts.'*

Micheal Gallagher, AUS education research officer said *'AUS has almost lost its credibility when lobbying ministers for student needs. The attacks on the union have pushed it into a situation where it is frightened to act.'*

- ii) The internal problems have also encouraged some student factions to go outside the Union in an attempt to achieve their own ends. With the Union internally divided its ability to resist outside interferences is greatly reduced.

#### c. The credibility of AUS with Students

1. The above factors have seriously affected the confidence of students in the AUS. A number of campuses have withdrawn and a number are currently contemplating such a withdrawal. The circulation of the OSS letter, the Executive Boardsheet and National U have demonstrated to students that there are internal problems within AUS and have reduced their confidence in the ability of the organisation to represent their interests.

2. In a large number of cases only one side of the conflict has been presented to students with the circulation of National U or the Executive Boardsheet being restricted on some campuses. This means that in a number of cases students are not aware of the real conflicts tearing the Union apart.

#### 2. Possible options available to students:

1. Withdraw from AUS — a number of campuses have taken or are considering this step.
2. Take no action and hope that the next Council elects a more representative group of people and that the current Executive and Officers do not severely damage the Union in the next six months.
3. Move for the selective sacking of Officers who appear to have been obstructive or who have not been responsible in their positions. Such a move has been taken against the Media Officer, Jefferson Lee and moves are also being considered against; the AUS President, Peter O'Connor; Laurie Bobbington; Finance Committee Chairperson and the Executive Officer, Phillip Jackson (Motions to sack all of the Executive are also being considered on a number of campuses).
4. Move for a general spill of all Executive and non-Executive officers in conjunction with a Special AUS Council. This alternative would provide for all positions to be reassessed, would not be sectarian in nature and would enable AUS Council to decide where particular officers restanding for positions were capable of providing the leadership that AUS needs at this time.
5. That a special Council meeting be held to evaluate the performances of officers and to investigate the internal problems of AUS. Such an AUS Council would be able to remove officers it felt were not acting in the best interests of students.

### 3. Why a total spill?

This discussion has come out of attempts by UNSW to locate the problems within AUS, by sending representatives to National Executive meetings and holding detailed discussions with a number of the Officers and the AUS President, Peter O'Connor. The major reasons supporting a spill are as follows:

1. The divisions that already exist would be perpetuated by piecemeal sackings. The moves to sack Jefferson Lee prompted moves to sack Peter O'Connor and the other Executive officers and increased the polarisation.
2. The Union desperately needs responsible leadership especially now when it is under threat from Government and outside forces. Such officers must be able to work closely with each other and have the confidence of the student body.
3. All positions are declared vacant and officers restanding for positions must be able to convince AUS Council that they are capable of serving the interests of students, rather than that sufficient evidence exists to dismiss them apart from anyone else.
4. Our own investigation leads us to conclude that the problems are quite complex and that they cannot be solved by the removal of selective officers.
5. With the passing nationally of the E.R. to directly elect all representatives to AUS Council, AUS Council provides a democratic expression of the will of its members.
6. All officers who have been doing their jobs responsibly should be re-elected.
7. Representatives from all campuses will be able to gain a better understanding of the problems of the Union at a Special Council meeting and will be able to determine what leadership is most desirable for the remainder of this year. This is important and in light of the way in which the flow of information has been restricted on a number of campuses.

#### 5. Why you should support a spill of all officers

1. We need to restore confidence in the AUS and its leadership.
2. We need a united union to protect ourselves from outside interference in the Union.
3. A spill allows a special AUS Council to re-elect officers who have been acting responsibly and to replace those who haven't.
4. It provides the most responsible democratic method of examining officers and determining their ability to serve the union at this point in time.

#### WE URGE YOU TO VOTE IN FAVOUR OF THE 'SPILL' MOTION TO RESOLVE THE INTERNAL PROBLEMS OF AUS

The UNSW Students' Union calls on all student bodies to join with them in resolving the problems within AUS by utilizing the internal procedures available.'

Released by the Executive Committee of the University of NSW Students' Union Council.

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# THE 1977-8 UNION BOARD ELECTIONS

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Jubbs.

GINA CASEY



Nom. Dickie/Jordan  
2nd year studying at ANU, majoring in Anthropology and Political Science.  
Education Committee member 1977. Active in student politics and feminist activities on and off campus.

ANN CUDDY



Lesh/Student No. 774771

PHIL DICKIE



Riddell/Jordan  
Arts student of dubious status. Editor *Politics* (ANU) 1975-76. Editor *Woroni* 1977. Elected Union Board of Management April 1977. At present I feel the Union Board of Management is largely a rubber stamp for the executive. I see my role on the Board as one of scrutiny and reporting back to students through *Woroni*. I remain willing to bring matters raised by students before the Union Board. Lastly, I am not hard to find.

IAN DOUGLAS BRIAN GERAHTY

Rhodes/Student No. 761082  
2nd Year Economics and Accounting. 1st Year Law.

ALAN McLEISH

Wood/Student No. 774334  
Third year Economics/Political Science (Hons) student. Member of the Union Board of Management 1976-77. Member of the ANU Union House Committee. Vice-President and Journal Editor of the ANU Liberal Society. Member of the Australian Institute of International Affairs and the Economics Society of Australia and New Zealand.

JOHN ROBERT GOSS



Hurley/Bolton

Treasurer Student Christian Movement 1974. Member of Evangelical Union. Fourth year of study for an Economics Degree  
I believe fees should not be increased in 1978. Instead refectory and bar prices should increase so as to balance the budget, because the refectory and bar benefit only a minority of students.  
The Union should be more politically active and publicly challenge anti-social policies of its suppliers.



JENNIFER HURLEY

Arden/T. Nicholson  
Arts II. Member Union Board 1977; member CARE; Executive member SCM; ex Union employee; interested in staff participation schemes and social responsibility in management.



CHRISTINE McDONALD  
Searle/Dickie

Academic standing - graduated Bachelor Economics and Bachelor Arts (Asian Studies) 1976. At present part-time student doing accounting. In my opinion, accounting experience is what is most desperately needed on the Board.

## 21 STUDENTS STAND FOR 10 POSITIONS

ELECTION MONDAY 25TH JULY — FRIDAY 29 JULY.

The Union Board of Management is the body which makes policy for the ANU Union. Most students regard its past record as uninspiring and it is to be hoped that the Board which results from this election — in which all students are eligible to vote — will be more successful in promoting students' interests.

Six Sitting members of the Board are standing for re-election.

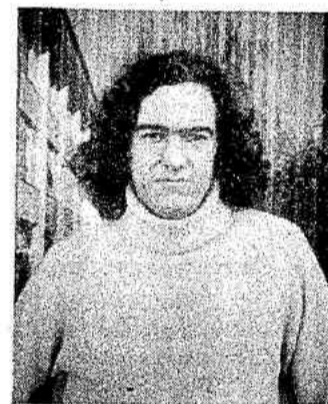
Robert Arden - presently Chairman of the Union Board  
Helen Brain - presently Deputy Chairperson of the Union Board  
Jennifer Hurley  
Alan McLeish  
Phil Dickie  
and  
Tim Nicholson - presently SA Rep.

The 10 elected members will take their seats at the beginning of third term, along with six non-elected Board members.

Mr Peter Jubb - Vice Chancellor's Rep.  
Mr J. Coleman - University Bursar  
Mr P. Walker - Staff Association rep.  
Mr G. Colman - (J.B. Young Ltd.) Council Rep.  
Dr Peter McCullach - Sports Union Representative  
and a Students' Association representative — to be elected at an S.A. meeting.

Three of the candidates, Robert Arden, John Spahr and Robert Taylor are known to have ambitions of becoming S.A. President 1978.

TIM NICHOLSON



Jordan/Arden

Member of Board of the School of General Studies (BSGS) in 1975-76 and 1976-77. Member BSGS Steering Committee 1975 and interim in 1976. Member BSGS General Policy Committee 1976 and 1977. Member Union Board of Management 1976 and 1977. Member Union Disciplinary Committee 1977. Interim Deputy Chairman Union Board of Management 1977. Interim member of Executive, Development, Finance and House Committees of the Union 1977. Member ANUSA Education Committee 1974, 1975, 1976 and 1977. Joint Chairperson ANUSA Education Committee 1977. Member Co-ordinating Committee of ANU Philosophy Students Society 1976. Completed BA (Hons) 1976. Enrolled MA in Philosophy in 1977.

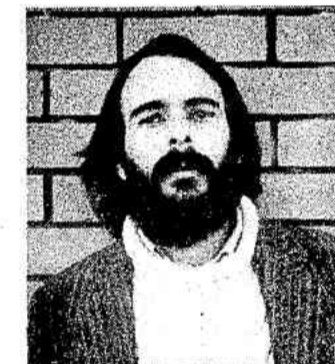
JON NICHOLSON



McGregor/Jubb

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PETER HACKETT



NIGEL JOHN HEDGCOCK



Smith/Tanzer

MEGAN HAMMOND



Nom. Williams/Maxwell

JOHN SPAHR (Honest John)



Easeman

Age: Approximately 2nd Year Anthrop (Honorable)  
Current Thesis: 'Is there a relationship between the Missing Link and Academics?'  
President of the Aardvarks (Social Climbers and Torture the Elite of Rugby; Rugby League. Vice-President of Vice 1892, Students Association. College of Advancing Education (or Slow Learners) Tower Hamlets, White-chapel, England. Member of the Cohesive Conjecture Society, Moderately Left Hung.

CHARLES DAVID JUBB



Student No. 742220/741099

ALAN MARCH



Student No. 753889/  
Claydon.



LACHLAN MCGREGOR

Aisbett/Student No. 732797

ROBERT K. L. TAYLOR



Hackett/Ferranda

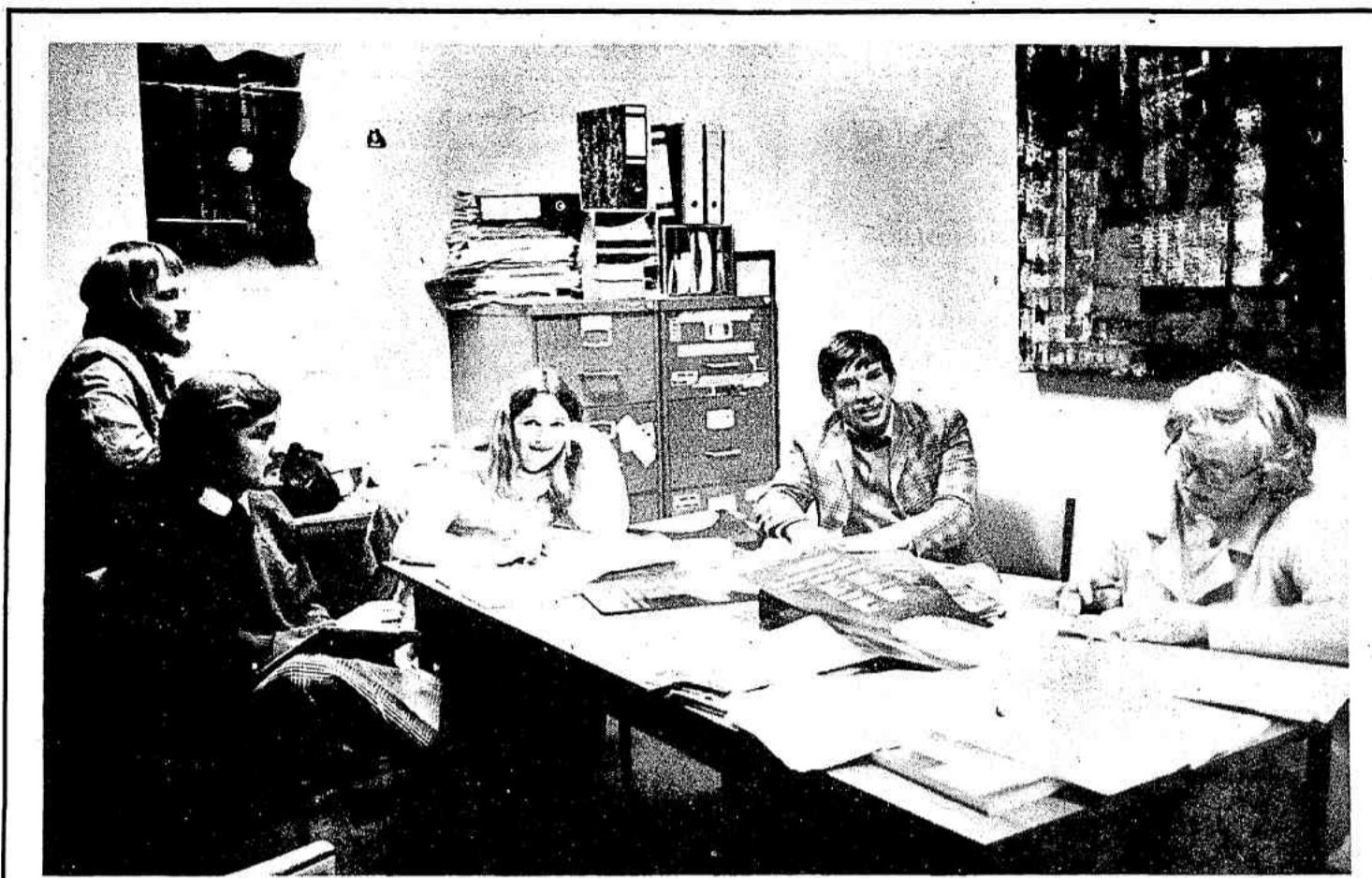
1975. Delegate to Australian Intersociety Choral Societies Association (AICSA) meeting in Sydney. 1st Year Rep. to ANU Choral Society (SCUNA). Secretary to ANU (IVDF) till April. Treasurer of ANU Choral Society till April. Member of the Union Activities Committee. Academic — I am a third year student doing a B.A. in Politics, Australian History, English and Women's Studies. Choral Society and ANU Debating Society. Member of Theatre Group (ANU). 1976. General rep. on Clubs/Societies Committee of ANUSA Secretary/Treasurer of ANU Choral Society Committee Member of National University Theatrical Society (NUTS) Co-ordinator (HANU — Homosexuals at ANU) 1977. Delegate to AUS National Activist Conference on Post-Secondary Education in Melbourne. Chairperson of ANUSA, Clubs/Societies Committee. Member of ANU Choral Society. Co-ordinator Homosexuals at ANU (HANU) Camp Convener of 1977 Intersociety Choral Festival

IAN SMITH



Hedgcock/Student No. 75A140

## WHAT'S A PESO?



A PESO meeting in the S.A. Office on Monday evening. From left to right: David Hogen, Roger Shand, Jill Derbyshire, Ian Fraser, Jenny Ruby.

If you are one of the seventeen hundred part-time students of ANU, you may be wondering what your Association and the Australian Union of Students is doing for you.

We are writing this article to let you know what has been happening at the local, state and national level.

The problems of part-time students at A.N.U. are handled by the Part-time Students Association, of which all students are automatically members. This Association formulates and implements the ANU Students' Association's policy on part-timers.

Part-time students face special problems:

1. Conflicting demands from their employment, their studies, their families, and other social pressures.
2. Obtain time off during work hours to attend day-time lectures.
3. The effects of inconsiderate time-tabling (the 9 to 5 syndrome)
4. general isolation and communication difficulties
5. inconvenient facilities (libraries, cèches and cafeterias)

This year, the Association is concentrating on the provision of taped lectures, late night tutorials, child care facilities and library access.

The next meeting of the Association will be held on **19 July** — watch for notices and posters outside the usual locations.

The Executive Committee is

President	Jill Derbyshire	work 61 9111	home 82 1438
Vice-President	Roger Shand	work 70 7426	
Secretary	Jenny Ruby	work 63 3626	
Treasurer	David Hogan	work 47 9942	

At the National and State levels, the problems associated with part-timers, are handled by the Part-time and External Students' Organisation. This organisation was formed by A.U.S. Annual Council in January this year with the purpose of implementing union

policy on part-time and external students.

The organisation's policy was formulated at the Second National PESO Conference held at Launceston in April 23-25. Three part-time students represented the ANU at this conference, one of whom, Ian Fraser, was elected National Co-ordinator.

Some of the major policy areas covered by the Conference were:

1. The general guidelines for the Association's submission to the Williams Committee Inquiry on Post-secondary Education.
2. The specific problems faced by women.
3. The problems of external students.
4. A national survey into part-time students' problems
5. Day release schemes.

The administration of PESO between conferences is carried by a National Steering Committee which consists of the National Co-ordinator and the six State Co-ordinators. In addition, the National Co-ordinator is also a member of the National Education Activities Committee which is responsible for the running of the AUS Education Department.

Regional Conferences are held between Steering Committee Meetings and the State Co-ordination reports on action taken and receives direction from regions to be passed on to the Steering Committee. A report on the last regional conference will appear in

the next issue. The Regional Co-ordinator for NSW is Leyon Parker, who is based at the New South Wales Institute of Technology.

Although the problems associated with part-timers are receiving more attention, many part-time students are not aware of the existence of the Part-Time Students' Association. To help overcome this, the Students' Association Office will be open on Monday evenings for part-timers to drop in and discuss any problems with the officers of the association and other part-timers. Ian Fraser, National Co-ordinator of PESO also works in the S.A. Office on Monday evening and is willing to discuss the work and aims of PESO at the national level with interested part-timers.

### AUS EDUCATION POLICY

Do you know your Union's policy on assessment, course content, amalgamations of tertiary institutions, student financing? All these and more can be read in the education resolutions adopted by the 1977 Council of the Australian Union of Students.

For a copy of AUS education policy write to Education department, Australian Union of Students, 97 Drummond Street, Carlton, Victoria 3053.



### BURTON HALL FILMS

Present, for your enjoyment, in the Burton Hall Common Room at 7.30 pm;

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'The Secret War of Harry Frigg'  
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On Sunday 24th  
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# STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

## el presidente

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Who said A.U.S. did nothing for you?

The Crisis of the year prize must go to last week when the question of student organisations came before university Council.

Normally any matter on student associations — their level of fees, compulsoriness etc. — would be guaranteed a straight passage, with the University heavies lining up solidly behind us.

This time however, it was different. For the last four months Senator Carrick has been berating Vice Chancellors in private about A.U.S. and student organisations and at the same time putting the squeeze on University finances.

Either this or the possibility of obtaining yet more funds for the white elephant arts centre led Colin Plowman Assistant Vice-Chancellor, to lay before Council a proposal to remove control of funds from the student organisations and to allow the Academic Registrar to grant exemptions from payment of fees as he saw fit.

Further, after espousing for the whole year (and many before this) a policy of consultation with students he first sent his proposal to all members of Council and then to the students. — Actually he didn't tell us, we found out for ourselves.

It was the first time in living memory that the Sports Union, Union, Students' Association, Law Society and Research

Students had agreed unanimously about anything.

To cut a long story about extraordinary meetings and sitting up till 3am nights in a row short the student representatives Jon Nicholson and Bob Arden presented an alternative submission and Council after nearly 2½ hours of debate agreed on two points of principle.

Firstly that student organisations with universal membership were desirable and that the autonomy of such was vital to the 'good health of student affairs'. Secondly that the relationship between the University and the student organisations, especially on the collection of fees should remain, as closely as possible, what it has always been.

It was also decided to set up a committee to enquire into the possibility of exemptions from membership from student organisations. All of which was very satisfactory to student groups and it was equally reassuring to see the solid support that students had on Council.

One can only wish Carrick would spend as much time worrying about the damage he is doing to education in this country than the damage he would like to do to student organisations.

Jon Nicholson.

### POSITION VACANT

CARETAKER/JANITOR for LENNOX HOUSE

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Apply to: Jon Nicholson  
Resident Students Assn.  
C/- Students' Association,  
Office,  
PO Box 4, CANBERRA ACT  
2600.

by 5.00 pm Monday July 18.

## NEXT MEETING

8pm.

WEDNESDAY 13th JULY  
UNION MEETINGS ROOM

## BUSH WEEK

IS COMING

Bush week is August 8-12th. Four weeks away.

Bush week is, egad, a festival of our more vulgar beginnings, an occasion when you can get away with almost anything and a week to take a break from the rigours of Second Term.

The excuse for it all is raising money for charity ("the proceeds go to charity, honest, officer")

### Scavenger Hunt

Three hours on Friday morning of scavenging and stealing.

Teams of up to ten — the sooner you get a team organised the better, preparation counts for everything (nudge, nudge).

Also we need someone to organise it.

### Iron-man Race

Say no more.

Organisers needed. Strong stomachs needed, tendencies to sadism desirable.

### Sports

There will be a wide range of sporting contests during the week, symbolising Australia's deep commitment to health and the great outdoors.

We need organisers for Gumboot throwing (regulation black size 8 left boot), boat races (8 to a team, no spillage), Wood Chop and crosscut saw. Tug-of-war (nine a side), Jaffle making

### Bush Breakfast

A couple of handy souls to organise the early morning opening of a keg and frying of snaggers.

Also a bishop (archbishop preferred) to bless a keg.

### Music

Desperate for a few musicians — we even pay.

### Casino

There will be a casino running Tuesday night of Bushweek in conjunction with the Bar night. We need someone to take on the organisation. If it's a club there's a decent profit to be made.

If you're interested in any of these, or doing something of your own, let Jon Nicholson at the Students' Association know (either ring 2444 (int), 48 7818 or come to the offices, upstairs in the Union).

Further it is utterly untrue that there will be a secession in Bush Week, setting up A.N.U. as a separate state independent from Australia. Or that if we did so we would be exempt from present set of laws.

Nor is such a secession being planned from the Students' Association offices. Anyone wishing to further this untruth should see Jon Nicholson.

Needed one Trivia expert

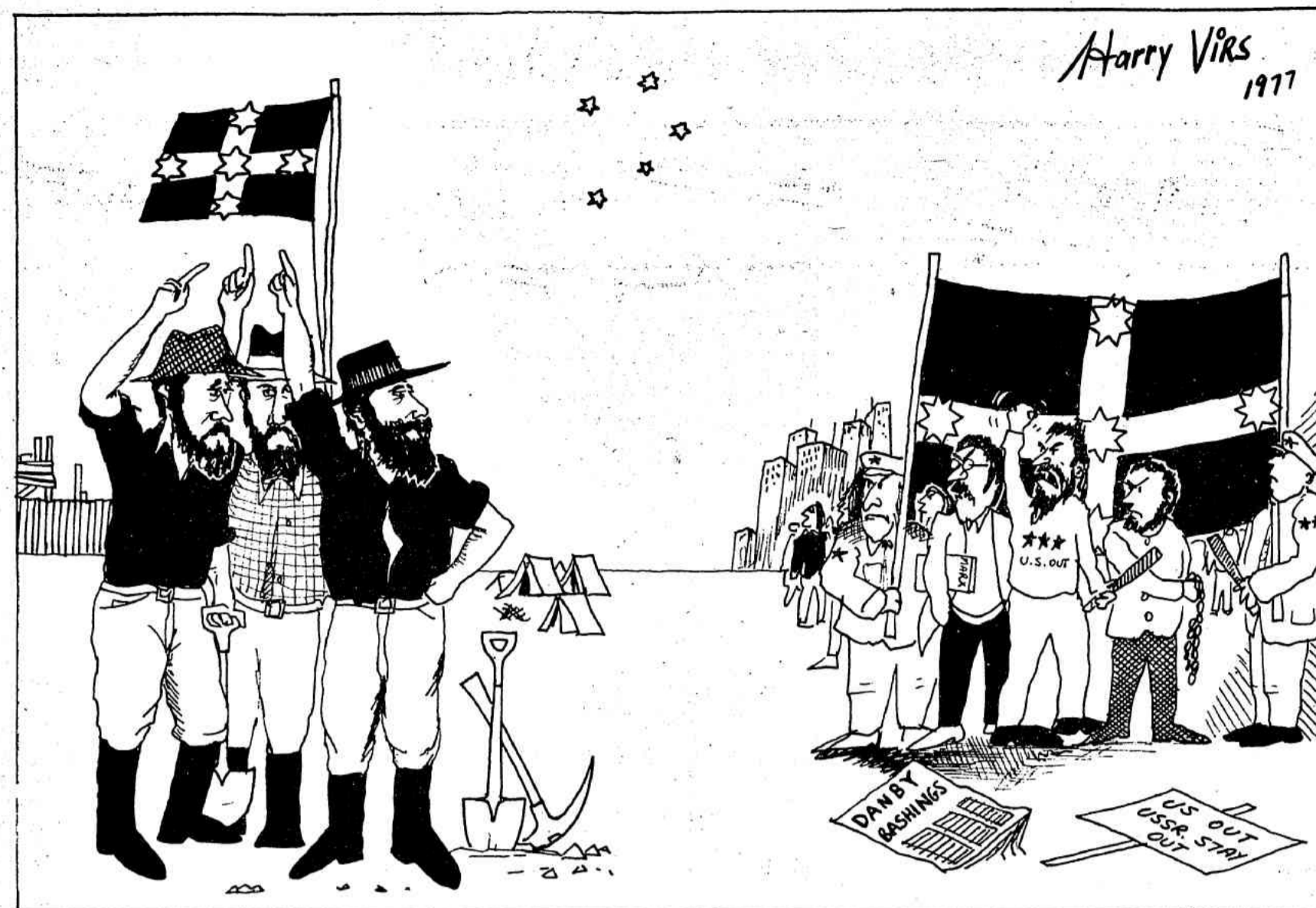
to organise

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for Bush Week

## BUSH WEEK PLANNING MEETING, 14th JULY

12.30pm. S.A OFFICE All Welcome



"DON'T YOU VILE LUMPEN PROLETARIANS REALISE THAT YOUR EUREKA STOCKADE WAS A MANIFESTATION OF MARXISM-LLENINISM IN REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE AGAINST U.S. AND SOVIET SOCIO-ECONOMIC HEGEMONY AND IMPERIALISM!?"

## Head in the Snow

Dear Editor,

On Monday our honorable Students' Association President Jon Nicholson, heard of Colin Plowman's motion before Council that in effect would take control of all students' organisations funds interfering with their own self-determination and future planning.

On Tuesday Nicholson saw fit to shirk the responsibility of mounting a campaign against such a move, and headed for the snow. This followed Nicholson's week at the snowfields the previous week. The duties of organising the emergency meeting of members of all organisations on Thursday night, contacting the relevant media outlets, the production and distribution of a relevant leaflet were left to a small band of interested students.

Surely such are not the actions of a responsible President.

Lachlan McGregor

## Ditto

Dear Editor,

On Thursday night a meeting was held to discuss the collection and distribution of Law Society Funds; a meeting that could decide the future existence of the Society. The President of the Law Society, Lee Aitken was not present. Was that because he was lazy, uncommitted or uninterested in the Law Society future? Is Aitken more interested

in his First Class Honours than the students in ANU Law Society? Does he deserve to be president.

An Observer

## Eureka

Dear Sir,

It occurs to me that the use of the Eureka flag by the Students for Australian Independence is grossly incongruous. The common principle held by those who fought under that flag was 'no taxation without representation'. One could argue that universal manhood suffrage, abolition of plural voting and 'one vote one value' were also fought for. However, not even the most imaginative Maoist could reconcile this hope for liberal democracy with communist revolution, dictatorship of the proletariat and state ownership of property.

Would it not be more honest of the Maoist Students for Australian Independence to abandon the Eureka flag for a variation of the red flag? The Eureka flag does not deserve to be tainted with extremism merely because a lunatic-fringe clique have pilfered it.

Michael Atkinson.

## Democrats?

Dear Editor,

I was present at the last ANUSA General Meeting, when the President (Jon Nicholson) in gross violation of the


ANUSA Constitution opened said meeting contravening sections 35 and 37(i). He opened the meeting *without* a quorum after the permissible time limit for him to do so had elapsed. The meeting was only closed when Ian Jordan, myself and a few others refused to allow such an undemocratic procedure to be adopted.

If this is the standard of Mr Nicholson's 'democracy' it is high time we had someone else chair our ANUSA meetings. Perhaps it is even time for an ANU Spill motion of our executive.

Robert K.L. Taylor

### Acid group in court

Burnie-based company North-West Acid Pty Ltd pleaded not guilty to 56 charges laid under the Environment Protection Act in the Burnie Magistrate's Court yesterday.



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# DROPPING OUT ...

I prefer to call myself a 'drop-in' or 'drop-up'. Anyway, after two long years of academic torture at this uni, I decided (or rather had to decide for me) to do a 'non-degree, non-degree, non-exam' course this year, which means no assessment, no semester points, and some other reasons for attending lectures than habit, masochism or a desire to pass. When I arrived here in first year, I cheerfully agreed that 'the teacher knows best' with to what, when and how to teach something, believing that at last I could choose my subjects and hence enjoy them, leaving the running to them.

Last year, after unit after unit, lecturer after lecturer, had consistently and effectively bored me off my brain and into despair, (even in the subjects I expected to enjoy the most), I began to wonder — were they right and this was the best way to run things and I was 'maladjusted' or 'deviant' or at the very least 'unusual', and learning wasn't meant to be easy, and that I should trust them that later on all would become clear — or were they wrong?

At first I assumed the former, and spent long months trying to force myself to learn, or to whip up enthusiasm for chasing HD's — gradually I found out that learning could be fun and useful (other than just getting points for a degree) — but not if I pursued it those ways, thus 'if I can't trust my teachers to help me formulate good reasons for doing a subject or to make learning it much pleasure, then I can't trust them to know the best way for me to learn something' I reasoned.

A main concern at first was 'but I won't get a degree this way'. Well, besides the present graduate employment situation (see recent ANU Reporter) I'm not sure if I still want one — it seems that you have to swap it for your curiosity and enjoyment of learning. I had intended to 'go back' to uni and get my degree after this year, armed with twice as much determination and desire to learn as the academic representatives of the uni destroy per student per year, but now I wonder if my time could be spent more effectively within other ways of learning. What I'm saying in this article, however, is that for people who are wondering what possible use their studying is to them and where they're going generally, that some time 'off' assessment and 'on' running your own learning can be a very educational experience, worth more than another year of the mind-numbing rituals of assessment and the equally mind-numbing process of being 'lectured to'. You may find, like me, that to go back to attending lectures would be like voluntary periods of sensory deprivation, three or four times a day. Or you may find that you can go back to studying within a unit with much more desire to find out something than before. At least, in giving yourself an opportunity to explore, you'll find out all sorts of things about yourself which will make whatever you do later more meaningful for you.

Some comments/objections people have made:

1. 'We've tried to improve lectures/tutorials to make it better for students, but we've come to believe that nothing will enliven a uni student'

The fact that many courses pay scant attention to many of the things which I believe would 'enliven' students (eg political economy in economics, feminism in history, sociology and psychology, humanistic psychology in psychology) are things my experience suggests to me, I expect there are all sorts of others in other fields) precisely those things that I think would perhaps help people the most to make sense of themselves and the various societies about, is important. Otherwise, these 'attempts' either amount to little more than 'read two chapters of the textbook and we'll discuss them next week' — or they do amount to something, like the human adaptability unity in which case they are asked to change the course (back to the old ways) or have it dropped. The first one resulting in long periods of silence for the majority, with long, involved discussions between the lecturer and a handful of students fortunate enough to still possess interest in the subject. The sort of thing I mean, is firstly, discussions of 'what's worth knowing and why' in the subject — the use of doing it and secondly, freeing students from no-choice assessment by giving more freedom in what to write/talk about in assessed work and more freedom in choosing method of assessment — not through majority

opinion, with most choosing the method of least strain (understandably) implying least work to put some interest/involvement into. I hope to write a later article on how I see the best way to run a unit and its assessment, here I am saying that, as presently run, I think that most people would find it more efficient and enjoyable working outside assessment, at least as a temporary measure to restore or regenerate some purpose in learning.

2. 'It's the school's fault that students are bored' Then why aren't 3rd years noticeably less bored than 1st years?

3. 'People generally need to be pushed and pulled (through fear of failure and the desire to get a degree) in order to get them to do work that they wouldn't otherwise do.'

In reply I would ask: but what would they do all day if they didn't have these incentives to work? Sleep? Watch TV? Play sport? Sit in the bar/refectory? I think that most people would accept that most students would rather do something more 'stimulating' than just those sort of things — if only to give some 'purpose' or 'depth' or something to their lives. The whole point about uni courses and assessment is that although you may be very interested in the subjects you're taking, you must do certain topics in a certain way and order — and, assuming you want to pass, you will feel that you should be working, especially if you want to or are doing things related to the course but not assessable, you will feel guilty because you aren't working towards passing (this does not happen as much when you are doing something more removed from study (like talking to friends, for instance). The effect is, finally, to put you off doing work just for interest. This seems a common occurrence

from my experience. So, the fact that you have to submerge interest to duty, plus the fact that the syllabus and the method of 'teaching' it don't seem designed to encourage interest, adds up to the decline of interest, except for a hardy few individuals. I think that this negative effect of the sticks-and-carrots attitude to learning easily cancels the positive effect.

## OR DROPPING UP?

4. 'But you need some structuring in order to most efficiently learn some things.'

Of course, learning the 'basics' of a field is prerequisite to going anywhere much in it (eg learning the rules and theorems of an area of maths before starting to get a 'feeling' for what you are doing or learning the basic words, or 'concepts' if you like, of anthropology before enquiring into the various societies it studies), I would say that if you feel a need to go to lectures or to study lecture notes then ok, what I've found is that in pursuing answers to certain questions (eg 'does free-will or free-choice exist?' or 'how does sex-role socialisation occur?') one is led through all sorts of 'subjects', and to go beyond a superficial understanding, one has to learn these 'basics' — but here you have a purpose in learning them, a clear aim in mind — not 'to pass this unit' but 'to understand the suggested answers to my questions'. I think it's clear that the later aim will have a greater effect on your efforts to learn than the former.

The attitude that you need to 'build up from simple to complex', which underlies the way subjects are 'taught', has been taken too far — to the extent that the motivation for learning something (which I feel in general is simply a curiosity to find out answers to some questions and a desire to use the answers for the benefit of others, aside from the simple desire to pass in order to avoid working on the factory floor), tends to be forgotten, or rather dies from lack of attention, in the involvement with going up the steps of progress through a subject. It is 'after 3 (or 5 or whatever) years you'll have the knowledge to answer your questions, so put up with it and wait' rather than 'your questions can be the focus for your learning, motivating and directing it toward their

answers — you'll pick up what you'll need because you'll have to get towards answers, and you'll be led into all sorts of related areas, because questions are like problems, and 'in reality there are not economic, sociological, or psychological problems, but simply problems, and as a rule they are complex' (G.Myrdal: 'Objectivity in Social Research' p.10).

5. 'Why not stay in the system and try to change it?'

For the reasons above about the effect it has upon the desire to learn — to go 'through the system' without losing interest in your subject requires a secure foundation of interest which in turn can only be developed, I think, either through a freer type of school than the present average school or through some time with freedom to encourage curiosity which cannot happen 'inside' the present uni. system.

6. 'Wouldn't it be better to get a degree and then to give yourself time to explore things?'

And I say 'wouldn't it be better if you did your subjects mainly because you were interested in them and you saw some use in doing them, than to spend any more time on something you weren't sure you wanted to do and were bored doing?' Do you think you can afford to spend another year or more of your life doing what you're doing with, as I see it, little hope that 'next year things will be more interesting'? Finally: '... it is in fact nothing short of a miracle that the modern methods of instruction have not yet entirely strangled the holy curiosity of inquiry; this delicate little plant, aside from stimulation, stands mainly in need of freedom; without this it goes to wrack and ruin without fail' (Albert Einstein)

I wrote this in the hope that some people who are wondering about uni. etc. would hear that it is possible, and has been found very rewarding, to 'run your own learning', at least for a year. Unless you live in a hotel, it's not hard supporting yourself with part-time jobs (not to mention their educational value in other areas than 'academic' knowledge), I've found the experience well worth that small effort.

Bill Spence  
(Drop-Up)

(I would welcome any comments/criticisms from people — 20 Mulga St. O'Connor)

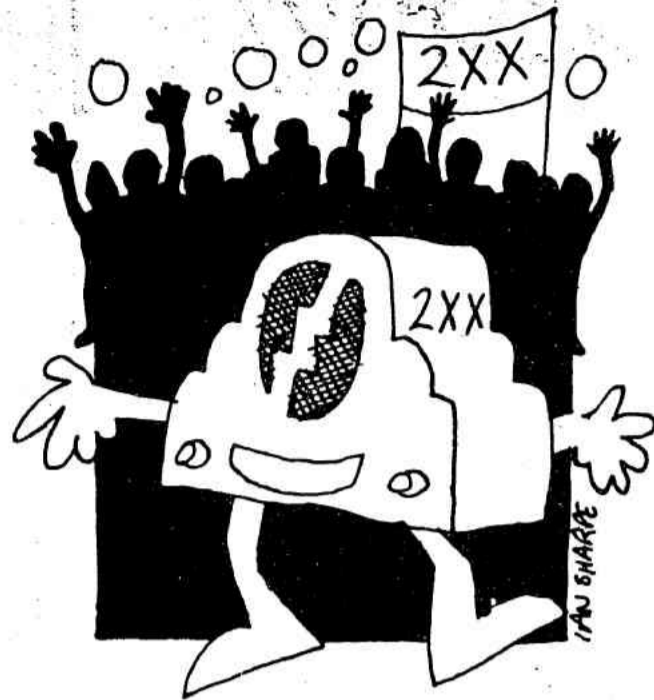
### Books worth reading

'Teaching as a subversive activity' Neil Postman  
Charles Weingartner  
Penguin 1971  
'Freedom to Learn' Carl Rogers, Charles E. Merrill  
1969  
'How Children Fail' John Holt Pelican 1969.



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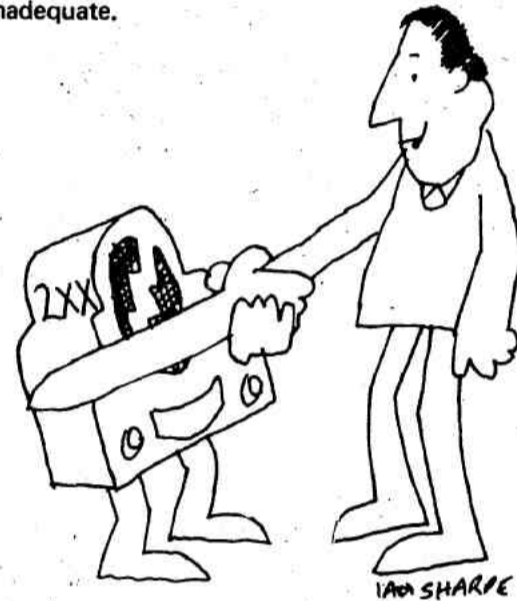
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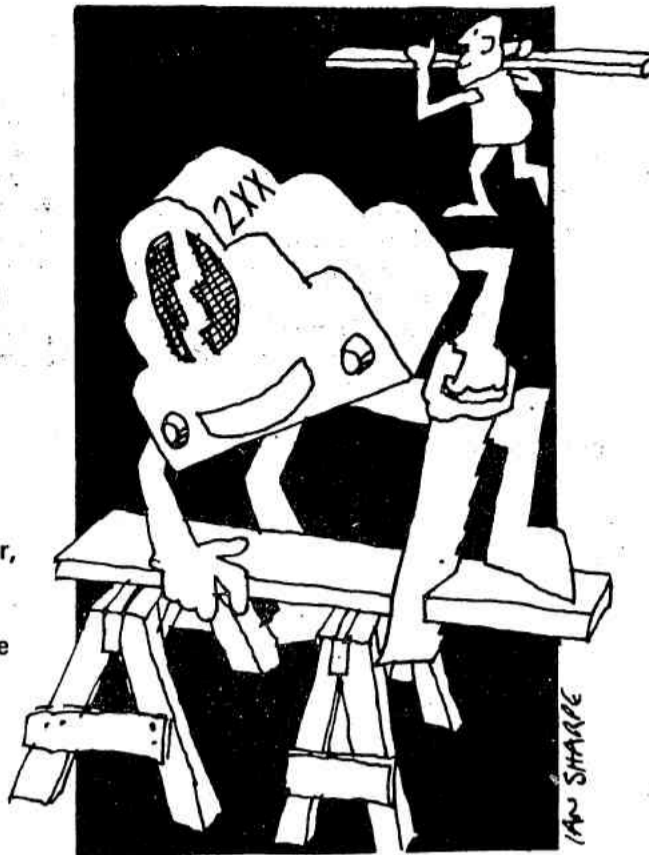
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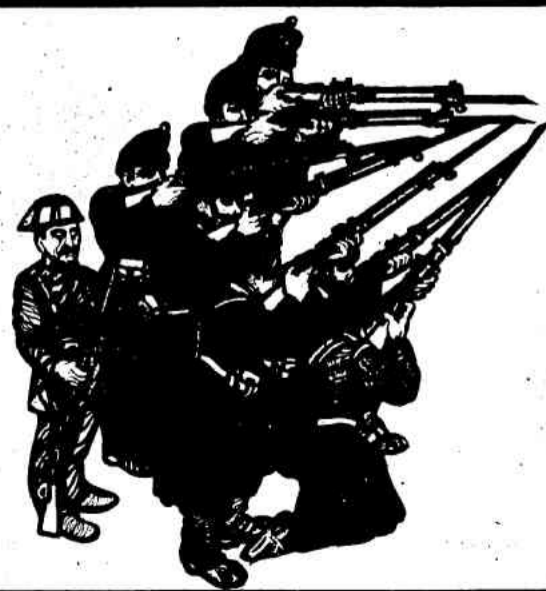
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# SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES

## -part 3



We are concluding this series with two of the most well known and widespread forms of venereal disease. Although most people possess a general knowledge of the nature of these diseases, it is important to know the initial symptoms well so that proper treatment may be administered. As with all Sexually Transmitted Diseases, it is necessary to contact your doctor as soon as you suspect having one of these diseases.

Our thanks to Sister Pat Sorby for her assistance in the compilation of this series.

### GONORRHOEA

**Other terms** — jock, drip, clap

**Causative agent** — bacteria, *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*

**Mode of spread** — sexual intercourse, extensive genital contact without actual intercourse, oral-genital contact, anal-genital contact; infection of eyes, perhaps accidentally carried by hands, from genital discharge; the newborn's eyes can be infected as it passes through an infected birth canal (cervix and vagina etc.) during birth.

**Conducive conditions** — having sex with a large number of people increases the probability of your fucking someone who is infected.

**Incubation period** — two days to three weeks or more.

**Potential initial sites of infection** — vagina, cervix, urethra of male, anus, rectum, throat.

**If untreated, will spread to** — female: uterus, fallopian tubes, ovaries, pelvic cavity, Bartholin's glands, urethra; male: seminal vesicles, prostate gland, epididymis (both: if left untreated, the infection can spread into the blood stream and from there affect the joints, especially those of the knees, but also wrists, small joints of the fingers and hands, ankles and elbows; the skin around the joints; heart, liver and central nervous system — this kind of spread of the infection is extremely rare, most especially the latter.

**Symptoms** —

**Female** — most commonly women have no recognisable symptoms at all. If you are lucky enough to get some signs they may be: increased vaginal discharge, frequent burning urination, continuous lower back pain or vague pain in lower abdomen if infection spreads quickly to the urethra; if the fallopian tubes are infected (gonorrhoeal salpingitis), fever, chills, abdominal cramps, pain during or after intercourse, vaginal examination will be very painful, backache, irregular menstruation, the menstrual period may be longer and more painful than usual. Damage caused by gonorrhoeal salpingitis can block the tubes permanently and cause sterility as the egg can no longer pass down the tube and meet the sperm.

**Male** — the organism causes gonococcal urethritis (irritation etc. of the urethra), which means painful and frequent urination, a urethral discharge which may at first be thin and clear but which changes after one or two days to heavy, thick and creamy. The discharge consists of dead urethral cells, bacteria and white blood cells. You may also get irritation of the foreskin.

The urethritis will probably begin to disappear but you will still be infectious. The infection may spread. This can cause an abscess to form on the prostate gland, causing heat, pain or swelling in lower pelvis or around the anus, severe pain in moving bowels, fever. Difficulty in urinating. This spread may continue to the epididymis causing pain in the groin and heavy sensation around the testicle where the epididymis is affected, and a small hard painful swelling may occur at the bottom of the testicle. The skin of the scrotum can become red, hot and painful. If the infection spreads this far and is left untreated, sterility can occur.

**Both** — perhaps a sore throat after oral contact with infected genitals; rectal infection probably will not show any symptoms; perhaps anal mucus discharge, or mild irritation of the anus; even less likely but possible is burning pain in the anus with pus or blood in faeces. In a small number of cases the bacteria enter the blood stream, causing painful joints (arthritis), chills, loss of appetite. A skin rash may appear on limbs, hands, feet, around joints.

**Diagnosis** — microscopic examination of stained smears from vaginal, cervical and urethral discharges in an attempt to actually see the bacteria; however, a negative result is by no means reliable and smears must be taken for culture at the pathology lab. Smears should be taken from cervix, vagina, urethra and rectum. They are tested for growth of the bacteria in cultures. This test can take up to a week for results. It is expensive if you go to a private doctor and pathologist. The V.D. clinics and all public hospitals are obliged to test for and treat gonorrhoea free of charge.

NOTE: a doctor cannot tell just by looking at your vagina or penis, or any discharge which may be present, whether or not you are infected. So don't accept a quick examination, an on the spot diagnosis (which has to be a guess) and a 'broad spectrum' antibiotic or penicillin. Insist on proper tests to avoid unnecessary, perhaps harmful, and not always effective, medication. The only time it might be useful to have treatment before test results are available is if you are positive that you have had intercourse with someone who definitely is infected. Then, preventive treatment could be a good idea.

**Treatment** — intramuscular injections of penicillin. Women need two injections, as do people who have a rectal infection, one on each of two consecutive days. With the penicillin, tablets of probenecid should be taken. This is a renal blocking agent, i.e. it maintains a high proportion of penicillin in the body by preventing it from being passed

out in the urine. If you are allergic to penicillin, a course of antibiotics is taken over about ten days. The most often used is tetracycline. If used properly, the condom can be quite effective in protecting oneself from an infected partner.

**Side effects of drugs** — penicillin is the safest antibiotic. However, a very small percentage of people are allergic to it. If so, after an injection a rash might appear. Some people suffer severe shock and need immediate resuscitation. Also, in a very small number of cases, certain people might briefly experience hallucinations and disorientation following an injection of the type of penicillin believed to be the most effective one in treating gonorrhoea. It is not a good idea to drink alcohol while undergoing this treatment.

Tetracycline causes some digestive system irritation. Some people experience similar allergic reactions as for penicillin. This drug must not be taken by pregnant women as it can cause liver damage to her and affect both tooth and bone development in the foetus. Also, while taking tetracycline, some people may have an abnormal skin sensitivity to sunlight.

**Follow-up:** it is important to repeat the smear and culture tests again after completion of treatment to ensure that all the bugs have been destroyed. It is a good idea for women to have two checks, one a week or so after the injections, another just after the next menstrual period. The latter is important, because if any undetected bacteria remain undetected after the first course of drugs, the environment produced in the reproductive system during menstruation is very conducive to their rapid multiplication and spread. It is very worthwhile to make certain this does not occur, or is quickly counteracted.

### SYPHILIS

**Other terms** — the pox

**Causative agent** — *Treponema pallidum*

**Conducive conditions** — as for gonorrhoea

**Potential initial sites of infection** — theoretically any part of the body which (a) has a small cut or lesion, and (b) comes in contact with the infected area of a person already infected. Most commonly these are the penis and scrotum the vulva, vaginal walls and cervix, the anus, the mouth (lips, tongue, tonsils etc.), hands and fingers.

**Other areas of body where infection will spread** — the skin of any part of the body, the circulatory system (blood stream). Later on the organisms may settle anywhere in the body, having gained access to all areas through the circulatory system, e.g. heart, ears, muscles, nervous system, eyes.

**Incubation period** — 9 to 90 days, usually 4 weeks.

**Symptoms** —

**Primary syphilis** (the first stage after infection): a chancre may appear in the first six weeks after contacting the infection. It is a painless sore, perhaps like a pimple or ulcer, and will disappear within a few weeks no matter what you do to it. Because it is painless, it may come and go unnoticed. It may not be at all noticeable, or may not appear at all. If it does, it will be at the actual site of initial infection. Women are disadvantaged here, as are homosexual men who may get a chancre in the anus/rectum after anal intercourse. If a chancre does occur, it will certainly go unnoticed since, in the vagina, or the cervix, or in the rectum, it will not be readily visible except by special examination. There may also occur painless swelling of the lymph glands in the groin.

**Secondary syphilis** after six weeks or so, the organisms have greatly multiplied and they invade the blood stream. During this time fever and flu-like symptoms may occur. A skin rash could erupt on any part of the body (though it does not have a characteristic appearance and can mimic anything, e.g. measles, chicken pox). However since not many rashes appear for other illnesses, on palms or on soles of the feet, a rash there is significant for syphilis. It may cause mouth sores. If the skin is broken, any of the mouth sores or rashes can be infectious. The rash does not itch or hurt. If it forms in warm moist areas, e.g. vaginal lips, anus, it may form 'condylo-mata lata' which are founded growths whose discharge is very infectious. As with the chancre, these symptoms will disappear in 2 to 6 weeks regardless of any kind of treatment, or lack of it.

**Tertiary syphilis** has what are called 'latent' and 'late' stages. Three to nine months after the initial infection, the invading organisms settle down in the body and there may be no symptoms for many years. So this is called latent or 'hidden' syphilis. During the first two years of latent syphilis the symptoms of primary and secondary stages may unpredictably erupt at any time. They will last a few weeks, after which the infection becomes hid-

den. For at least one year after the stage of latent syphilis begins you would still be infectious and anyone with whom you had sex would stand a good chance of catching it from you. Eventually, after a year or so of latency, i.e. 18 months to 2 years after first infection, you are no longer infectious. Except that any pregnant woman, at any stage of the disease, will pass it on to the unborn child through her blood stream. However, the foetus is not at risk until the fourth month of pregnancy since the placenta, by which mother and child share blood supply, is not well enough developed until then to carry the syphilis organisms. So, treatment before the fourth month of pregnancy means the child will escape being infected in the womb, a condition which is called congenital syphilis.

There is a small rate of spontaneous recovery from the syphilis infection and in such a situation the person may never be bothered by further complications. However, if left untreated, it can be very harmful. In general, the organisms select a comfortable area to settle, and may do any degree of damage to the tissues of that area. The results may be benign, so that prompt treatment will allow complete recovery. Or they may cause severe disability, sterility and death. The more serious disability may involve heart disease, deafness, muscle incoordination, blindness, insanity, paralysis. Obviously, it can cause wide ranging disability if the organisms damage the spinal cord or brain.

**Diagnosis** — If there is a chance a scrape is made of it and the fluid examined under the microscope. Blood tests, which are useful from about the time the secondary stage begins, since it is only then that the organisms enter the blood stream. So a blood test is useless in the incubation period and for about the first six weeks of infection. This means that if you have sex with someone whom you discover to be infectious, and have a blood test within six weeks of the exposure, the blood tests may still be negative (i.e. not detect the presence of the syphilis organisms) even though you may be infected. You should have another blood test done after the sixth week of exposure. The test is done by taking a sample of blood from the arm. It is then sent to the pathology lab where several different types of tests are done on it. Lumbar puncture — a sample of spinal fluid (that surrounding the spinal cord) needs to be taken if the stage of latent syphilis has been reached. This is to check that the organisms are not continuing quietly and destructively in the central nervous system. It is done by inserting a needle between the bones of the spine.

**Treatment** — The syphilis infection can be completely cured by several intra-muscular injections (in the buttock) of penicillin or a 4 or 5 week course of antibiotics taken orally. The former is by far preferable, the oral treatment with tetracycline is still very effective but should only be opted for if you are allergic to penicillin (see V.D. Handbook for longer explanation). One injection a week of long-acting penicillin for three weeks is given for early syphilis, for five weeks for late syphilis. Tetracycline is the antibiotic used for those allergic to penicillin. The course is four capsules a day for five weeks. Antibiotics completely destroy all the harmful organisms so that no further damage is done to the body. However, any ill effects which may already have occurred in late syphilis cannot be reversed. It is vital to ensure that you have adequate follow-up testing after completion of treatment. This involves a regular blood test over the following few months to ensure that the level of infection has adequately decreased or disappeared. For primary syphilis you should have a test every three months for at least a year, while for all later stages you should have them up to two years. You should only be considered cured when two consecutive three-monthly tests are negative (show no trace of the organisms). The condom is not necessarily an effective preventive measure for syphilis as the infectious chancre or rash may be elsewhere on the body rather than being confined to the penis or vagina. Soon after the first injections or beginning of the oral treatment there is a huge die-off of the organisms. This can cause a temporary but very noticeable fever reaction.

You can see from the seriousness of the complications of gonorrhoea and syphilis that it is very important to have it treated as soon as possible. And that means it is essential to let anyone with whom you have had sexual intercourse within the limits of the incubation and infectious periods know as soon as possible that you could either have caught the infection from them, or given it to them. Especially, men have a responsibility here as they are lucky enough to get symptoms. Most commonly, women only find out after being told by the man they caught it from or gave it to, or by pains in the pelvic area, which indicate the infection has spread, i.e. she has it for some time.



## CLUBS & SOCIETIES

### HELP FORM AN AMNESTY GROUP

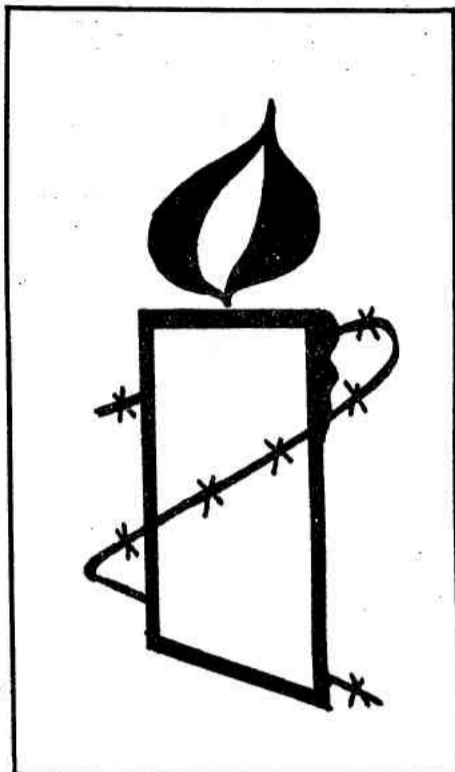
A fortnight ago petitions were put up across campus calling for the release of political prisoners everywhere. The petition is being circulated world-wide by *Amnesty International*, and will ultimately be submitted to the United Nations. Few people could have objected to it; and yet only a handful signed it. *Why?*

Until very recently I used to wonder what motivated people to sign petitions. After putting one up myself, I am beginning to wonder what it is that *stops* people signing.

If you never bother looking at the notice-boards, you're missing something: they can be quite entertaining. But it's not that. People stop, spend some time reading it — and then walk away. Anyone who subscribes to the all-students-are-apathetic theory will nod their heads knowingly. But it seems to me that there must be something more to it than that (and I don't just mean that you didn't happen to have a biro at the time). Exactly what that something might be is difficult to say, but perhaps the word that comes closest is suspicion.

And hence this article, a brief attempt to describe the work done by *Amnesty*. First, we are not communist, socialist, fascist or any other sort of -ist. As the name implies, *Amnesty* is an international human rights movement working for the release of all men and women imprisoned solely for their beliefs, colour, ethnic origins or religion. The organisation opposes torture and capital punishment in all cases.

*Amnesty groups* (there is one here in Canberra) are usually allotted three prisoners for whose release they work. They send letters to governments



and officials, make representations to embassies, help prisoners' families and usually do everything possible to publicize the case.

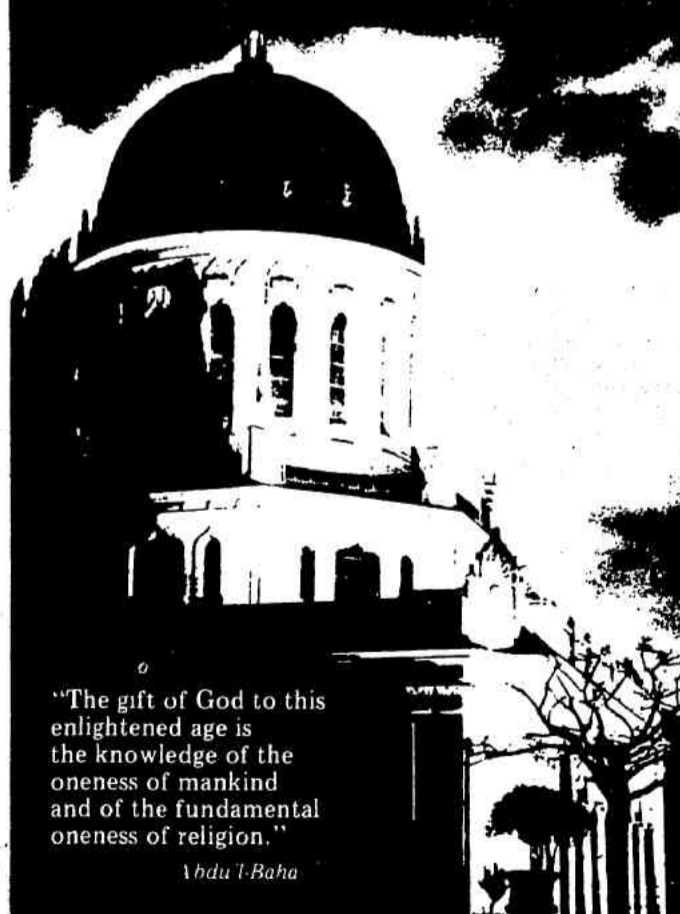
Of course you probably couldn't really care less. The *Amnesty group* in Canberra is trying to do something for the people you couldn't be bothered about. The first is rotting in a Rhodesian prison, sentenced for an indeterminate period for non-violent opposition to the Smith government. Last month we took up the case of a Romanian, imprisoned for having returned to that country after leaving it illegally. Our other prisoner is a Philippino community worker detained under the anti-subversion act of President Marcos' martial law regime. The group was recently working on another Philippino case when it was announced that the man and his colleagues had been freed. All except one, who had been tortured to death. The final case being undertaken will soon have to be closed: the man is believed to be dead, murdered by one of the terror squads which roam Guatemala.

If none of this bothers you, we've both been wasting each others' time. But to those of you who care — and still didn't sign this petition (and probably others before it), please spare a moment to ask yourself why.

*If you would be interested in helping form an Amnesty group on campus, please contact:*

*Stephen Rice, Garran Hall (Rm 26)  
(or leave a message)*

## Bahá'í Faith



The Baha'i teaching is that all religions are in essence one. The Founders of the great religions had two missions. One was to clear the path to God from the debris piled up by man. The other was to give the directions needed for social progress. Each gave the same basic teachings of faith in one God, the law of love, the brotherhood of man, and the life eternal. Differences between them have arisen through failure of the follow-

ers to understand the Teaching given, and because the Message of God is revealed according to the stage of development reached by mankind in each age. The urgent need of our day is just world order.

Baha'u'llah is God's manifestation for this day, anticipated by followers at all the world's religions. Through Him God has once again revealed Himself to mankind. The A.N.U. Baha'i Society invites you to investigate His claims.

Ruhi Soraya  
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# REVIEWS

## RECORDS

John Nicholades

### Dion & The Belmonts

20 All Time Dion Hits  
Interfusion

Okay kiddies here is a little quiz. Who was the father of punk rock? Iggy Pop, MCS, Flaming Groovies, Lou Reed. If you picked any of the above you fail. The father of punk rock was Dion Di Mucci. Dion who? Dion was the original punk, this compilation of his original hits from the early 60's proves it.

Dion & the Belmonts were formed in 1958, they were an above average DO-WOP group of the late fifties and early sixties. Members of the group were Fred Milano (second tenor) Angelo D'Aleo (first tenor) and Carlo Mastrangelo (baritone).

The compilation contains the ridiculous and inane 'I Wonder Why,' the classic 'Teenager in Love,' the schlock pop of 'When You Wish Upon a Star'. The two tracks that stand out are those done by Dion after he left the Belmonts they are *Run Around Sue*, and *The Wan-*

*derer* recorded late 61 and early 62. For these two tracks were like a breath of fresh air in a scene that was being dominated by the high school schlock pop sound made so unforgettable by such 'greats' as Ricky Nelson, Fabian and Troy Donahue. Both these tracks rock, not only do you get Dion acting and singing like a snotty nose kid, you also get a beautifully raunchy sax solo and a powerful chorus with handclaps that were a trade mark of the early Dion. So who cares if the songs are meaningless or dare I say it, sexist, but what do you expect of 1962. The power of Dion's vocals plus much of the power of the music did much to overcome the primitive recording techniques of the day.

If you like the music of the early sixties you will love this album. My only complaint about the album is the lack of historical notes about the individual tracks and the cover sucks.

### Van Morrison :

A Period of Transition  
(Warner Bros)

Since his last album, *Veedon Fleece*, three years ago Van Morrison has undergone a period of transition. POT is very different from anything that Morrison has done and it is one of his most UP albums since *Band and the Street Choir*. The quiet introspection and to some extent pretentiousness evident on *'Hard Nose the Highway'* and *Veedon Fleece*, is not evident on this album.

By bringing in the Mac Rebenack (Dr John), who co-producers and plays guitar and piano, Morrison has gone back to have a look at his R&B and gospel roots. This influence is especially evident on side one. *You Gotta Make It Through The Night*. *It Fills You Up*, and *the Eternal Kansas City*. On all these tracks the horn section plays a very dominating role, which tends to get somewhat monotonous after a few hearings. Lyrically side one, is to put it mildly, quite barren and very repetit-

ious. A counterbalance to the repetitiousness of the lyrics, is the use of a very powerful chorus section which fills the spaces upon the tracks.

Side two moves back to familiar territory the four tracks are much superior when compared to side one. The last two tracks *'Heavy Connection'* and *'Cold Win' in August'* are vintage Morrison, reminiscent of *'Tupelo Honey'* and *'Moondance'*. These tracks as a whole jell much better, the lyrics and the voice move back to the warmth and romanticism which Morrison has in abundance, horns and percussion and the rythm are much tighter and balanced.

*'Flamingos Fly'* and *'Joyful Sound'* are the most 'up' songs Morrison has done in a long time, as the titles imply the songs are injected with joy and life.

Although this album, is not an example of Van Morrison at his best, it is one of his most approachable albums and in all possibility it could be seen as a bridge between the new and old Van Morrison.

## CONCERTS

### FAIRPORT CONVENTION

*Fairport Convention* played at the Refectory on Tuesday, June 28. One reservation which stopped some people going was the comparatively high price of the tickets, \$5.50 for students. Nevertheless the Refectory was packed to capacity.

Support band for the group was *Graduate*, and from what I heard, arriving late as I did, they were a good rock band. Certainly the audience thought so, because they gave the band a rousing applause.

By Cyrus P. Trident.

After a twenty minute break *Fairport Convention* came on and put in an impressive performance. Of especial note was their very talented fiddler and vocalist, Dave Swarbrick. The group did two dance medleys in which he excelled himself.

All of the songs *Fairport* sang went over well though two especially good ones were a short instrumental just on bass and a long song about Napoleon taken from their forthcoming album.

## BOOKS

### ON SCHIZ ROW

#### Mark Vonnegut, *The Eden Express*.

The year is 1970. Mark Vonnegut drives out of Boston, accompanied by his girlfriend Virge and Zeke the Wonder Dog. They travel to south-west Canada, where they join in starting up a commune. Mark, Virge and Zeke the Wonder Dog have jumped on the Eden Express: forget Vietnam and Nixon, friends, just get on board.

1971 rolls along. Mark Vonnegut goes crazy. Schizophrenic. His hippie friends try to tolerate his ravings and his suicide attempts, but eventually put him into a mental hospital. After some false starts, Vonnegut recovers. At least that's what he tells us.

*'The Eden Express'* is both a lucky book and a faulty book. It is lucky because its author is the son of Kurt Vonnegut jnr, and this guarantees it unwarranted attention. It is lucky also because insanity is fashionable at the moment, like disco music or those woolly foreskins that are flopping round female necks this winter.

The book is faulty because Mark Vonnegut tries to build up sympathy for himself by showing what a nice guy he was before he cracked up. He fails badly. Pro-schizophrenic Vonnegut is a stupid twit, impatient, too image-conscious, overaffectionate. Anyone who tries to extract Eden from an overgrown farm clearing deserves ridicule not sympathy. Vonnegut realizes this, and constantly fights against the hippie myths. The trouble is, he is surrounded by cosmic communists, and can't stop wanting to please them.

After he recovers, Vonnegut rejects one hippie myth, but makes a big mistake in doing so. The myth is

that schizophrenia is a sane response to an insane society. Vonnegut's answer is that schizophrenia is biochemical, and can be cured by orthomolecular therapy. I won't hassle with that - if Vonnegut thinks sanity comes in little pills, that's his problem.

What worries me when Vonnegut goes on to claim that schizophrenia stays constant through all societies. Mental health apparently isn't affected by boring jobs or increased social pressures or atomized lifestyles. Vonnegut implies one of two things: either a more demanding society has no influence on how many people will go crazy, or a more demanding society is paralleled by a more capable strain of human being. Both of these implications leave me unconvinced of their truth.

Vonnegut's fault is partly revealed in the book. 'A good many alcoholics', he writes, 'are probably schizophrenics who drink to keep schizophrenia away.' There may be relatively few out-and-out nutcases in our society, but how many people get pissed or stoned almost every night in order to keep their selves together? A society is not to be judged on how many people crack up in it, but on what it has to do to everyone else to keep THEM from cracking up.

You don't look for madness in the men mental hospitals, you look for it in the breweries and in the Union bar!

*'The Eden Express'* is inferior to other books on the same theme, such as *'Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance'*. It does not face head-on the problem of more and more people nowadays losing a grip on themselves. It is a cop-out, however readable or amusing it may be.

David Browne.



Dave Swarbrick, Fiddler for Fairport Convention.

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